

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

May 15, 2003

LB 798

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the motion to adopt the E & R amendments to LB 798. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. They are adopted.

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend, AM1701.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, to open on AM1701 to LB 798.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, that amendment is not necessary. I'd withdraw it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Wehrbein, AM1835. (Legislative Journal page 1754.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein, to open on AM1835 to LB 798.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I'm...would you read that...?

CLERK: I...on page 3, line 8, Senator, it inserts this new language: "In addition to receiving transfers from other funds, the Cash Reserve Fund shall receive federal funds received by the State of Nebraska for undesignated general government purposes, federal revenue sharing, or general fiscal relief of the state."

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Right. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This simply says that if we get unexpected federal funds, it will go into the Cash Reserve. It's a kind of a catchall, in case we get some money coming down. I guess, at this point, it might include that Medicaid fund, which is going...apparently there's a bill being introduced in the U.S. Senate today as a tagalong to...I got a notice up here...the Medicaid help. And so if that money would come, this simply says this money would be there, going into the Cash Reserve, and would be there for us next year. Obviously, we don't want to premise any of our budget this year on unexpected federal funds, because then they truly would probably become nonexpected. So this simply provides a home for any unexpected federal funds that we might