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opening. Mr. Clerk, item on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wehrbein would move to amend the Beutler-Hudkins amendment. (AM2072, Legislative Journal pages 2065-2066.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein, to open on your amendment to AM2015.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I have to file an amended version of this A bill. I think there are some costs that are not recognized in this original A bill, and I felt necessary to amend this. This reallocation of money from the Office of the Capitol Commission, there needs to be some reallocation of...from Capitol operation...for the purpose of Capitol operation and maintenance resources, to accommodate the costs if no new General Funds beyond General Funds available to transfer from the General...State Building Division are not appropriated to this newly created state entity. My bill adds \$230,000 of General Funds. And I know Senator Beutler has worked hard at trying to make this neutral. And I can't debate that too much. But because we're creating a new division, if we're going to accommodate the continued responsibilities and needs in this division without...when you're adding new people and some support, I think there's...it's necessary to have additional General Funds. And I will let Senator Beutler visit about that. I...the fiscal note...I don't know whether you had a fiscal note. Is fiscal...I have the fiscal note here, but there's some additional funds in there that I think it's necessary to realistically face what this is going to cost. I know the intent was to make this neutral. And I appreciate that. And I have been supportive on that basis. But I think to be realistic, when you create a new Capitol Commission with an individual and a support and maintenance, there's going to have to be some additional funds recognized for that use. And so I offer this amendment this morning to try to bring this to your attention. It...frankly, it may not be absolutely necessary to do. But it may well be...also be less money than available for operations and maintenance than was intended if we do not recognize this additional cost. And so I file this rather late here this morning. But I think we need to realize that this may