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(MAN): How's that?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's fine, whoever...somebody said, how's that, so I'm going to tell whoever I'm talking to, that's fine. (Laughter) Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm now moving to page 2 and in line 6 I would strike, and show as stricken, the words "state of Nebraska," and insert the word "state." Then, on page 3, in line 3, I would strike and show as stricken the words "for it." I have talked already about the term "state of Nebraska" not being in the statute by necessity. All we need are the two words, "the state," and it's clear what we are addressing. A similar amendment to this one has been adopted already on page 1, so I need not spend any great amount of time on that because there are other things I want to mention about the bill. On page 3 there is a sentence, starting in line 1, which says, "Each member of the Legislature shall receive a copy of such report upon making a request for it to the director." I'm striking the words "for it." The sentence would then read, "Each member of the Legislature shall receive a copy of such report upon making a request to the director." That's all we need. So I am doing what amounts to an efficient job by eliminating unnecessary words. There is another spot on page 3 that I did not pick up with this amendment, but I will draft another one to do it, and that will be in line 6. The current language there says, "All appropriations for water must be for some beneficial or useful purpose." Throughout the statute where that phraseology is used the word is not "some beneficial or useful purpose," but "a" or "a beneficial or useful purpose." And I can easily draft an amendment to do that. Oh, wait a minute. I did it already in this amendment. You see what kind of guy I am, Senator Combs? When I think that I'm wrong, I'm actually right. The only thing wrong was that I thought I was wrong. I should have read more carefully my amendment. So that is the other part of this amendment. We will remove the words "state of Nebraska" and leave standing, by inserting the word "state," "the state." We will remove the two words "for it" on page 3, in line 3. Then, on page 3, in line 6, we will strike the word "some" and insert "a." I was talking to one of my colleagues after we had recessed this morning and mentioned how bad the grammar and language are in