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SENATOR FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President, members. LB 217 encourages political subdivisions of this state, public agencies of this state to cooperate and work together when building a building, a road project, or cooperating between libraries. LB 217 has been around for a couple of years. Senator Wickersham, in the mid-nineties, put together the Innovations Council that essentially looked at ways we, as Nebraskans, could provide a carrot rather than a stick to get political subdivisions to work together. Imagine for a moment all of the different public projects in your own district, and think about putting them, or at least two of them, or two or more of them under one roof rather than separate facilities. LB 217 allows two or more public agencies, as defined here, and we'll further define that in my coming amendment, to go together, build a building, get libraries working together without a vote of the people, provided that it is truly a joint project where the second-largest participant has not less than 25 percent of all the bonded indebtedness. That's the brief overview of LB 217. Yesterday, as you might recall, this body passed, overwhelmingly passed, the committee amendments that excluded, from the green copy, NRDs from participation and storm water projects. Right now on your gadget I have two amendments on file that are still up for your consideration. I should let you know that AM0614 is simply an amendment that basically is a white copy of everything that we're trying to do, and AM0605 represents some of the changes that I'd like to make, after I worked with Senator Schimek and Senator Chambers to tighten this bill up a little bit. What did we do? I guess, do we need to offer AM0614 for discussion or...Mr. President?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Flood, that was a review. Have you completed your review?

SENATOR FLOOD: That I have, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: With that, then we'll go to the Clerk and he'll announce your amendment. Then you can open on the amendment. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Flood would move to amend with AM0614. (Legislative Journal page 762.)