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the main goal of the task force will be to actually determine what that fiscal need will be to upgrade and coordinate distance education across the state. And I hope that you still have your yellow sheet that was passed out yesterday, because it does give that breakdown out. But with that, I will close at this time. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Mr. Clerk, motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Stuhr and Raikes would move to amend with AM1025. (Legislative Journal page 1078.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Stuhr, you're recognized to open on AM1025 to LB 689A.

SENATOR STUHR: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I think it was very important to have the discussion yesterday in regards to the needs that we have been discussing in LB 689. We did pass, and I thank you for moving that proposal on, to establish a task force to look at the needs that we will be considering to upgrade the technology across the state. I think that's a very important aspect. As I was saying yesterday, what we have...this amendment reduces that \$10 million to \$8 million. And someone said, what is the actual minimum cost that you anticipate that this will cost? And this is why we brought forth the \$8 million, because it is what we are expecting. But as the discussion took place yesterday, which I think was very important, people are questioning, do we need to do that? It was our hope that at least bringing forth that amount that everyone knows now that we will be needing, what amount we don't know for certain, but that we are looking at this could possibly be the minimum. And as we were talking about yesterday, there will be networking costs. Right now, 180 schools have a contract that includes service and equipment. And some of those schools will...those contracts will be running out in August of 2006. And that's why we are going to need to set aside some money. With that, I will turn the rest of my time to Senator Raikes, in case he wants to add a few comments in regards to this amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Raikes,