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added...language is added requiring the task force to meet for the first time within 45 days of their appointment. language is added giving the Executive Board control over the funds designated for the study, and the language indicating that the funding would be provided by the Nebraska Information and Technology Commission is stricken. Finally, a General Fund appropriation of \$200,000 is provided for the study and expenses of the task force. This will ensure that a facilitator can be hired and expenses are provided for. Prior intent to have the Nebraska Information Technology Commission provide the funding for the study proved to be unrealistic. It has been agreed that the cleanest means to provide funding is to provide a General Fund appropriation and have the Executive Board of the Legislature in control of the funds, in consultation with the task force. The giving of the funds directly to the task force would create administrative and legal issues that can be avoided by utilizing the management of the Executive Those...that is the amendment. It is an attempt to be comprehensive in accommodating the points that have been made by Senator Beutler, by his various amendments, and Senator Schrock, by his considerations. I'd urge your adoption of the amendment and your advancement of the bill, and I thank you for the time and attention you've given to this matter.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. You've heard the opening on AM1769. Mr. Clerk, motion on the desk, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schrock would move to amend with AM1773. (Legislative Journal page 1853.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, to open on your amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, first of all, I want to thank Senator Brashear for incorporating some of my concerns in this amendment, AM1769. And this is also one of my concerns that I am bringing to you this morning, and it's not an attempt to harass the bill. It's an attempt to make it better. It shall simply say, on page 3, after line 22, after "district" insert "and shall represent consumers" so that the three people that are appointed from each congressional district