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this, may never need General Fund money. It's just a construction issue for me. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Mr. Clerk, motion, please.

CLERK: Senator Chambers would move to amend. (FA423, Legislative Journal page 603.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, to open on FA423.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, what my amendment would do, whether it appears on your gadget or not, is the following, so that you will understand it. strike the new language, reinstate the old language. Then what I would do is strike all reference from the existing law to the General Fund, which means you would look in line 15, starting with the word "No," I would strike all language through the period in line 19. Bill Drafter will know how to do this. If Bill Drafter will know how to do this. the entire amendment that I'm offering, both parts, would be adopted, we would strike the new language which restricts this money to one area, while eliminating Douglas and Sarpy County. I heard what Senator Thompson stated about there being a date in the future or a time in the future when Sarpy County, or even Douglas County, could come to the Legislature and make a We will not be here. I am not going to agree to a request. bill such as this which cuts out a niche for one small area while eliminating the rest of the state. This morning, although this deals with a military cemetery, I'm not going to talk about wars that are raging now, their lack of the justification, as I see it, or the justification, as others see I'm dealing strictly with land which is to be set aside for burying people who are defined as veterans. Senator Thompson did make reference to the large military contingent or population in Sarpy County. But there are people who have relatives who are veterans and have died and would just as soon have them buried in a cemetery near where they live. see any reason to eliminate both of the largest counties. if some kind of deal has been struck and the Governor is laying aside 50...let me ask Senator Louden a question, so that I won't misstate any figures.