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property contaminated by the presence of a clandestine lab, until a rehabilitation of the property has been completed and the property has been released for human habitation and use. The amendment provides that if leased property is contaminated by a clandestine lab, the owner of the property may terminate any rental agreement, upon a three-day written notice, for the purpose of rehabilitating the contaminated property according to the standards adopted by the department. That will conclude the opening on the committee amendments. I'd just ask for its adoption. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Burling would move to amend the committee amendments, AM2690. (Legislative Journal page 985.)

SENATOR BOURNE: Senator Burling, you're recognized to open on AM2690.

SENATOR BURLING: Thank you, Mr. President. I want to thank Senator Aguilar for allowing me this time and opportunity to present this amendment on this bill. This amendment was originally LB 1207 that I introduced to the Appropriations Committee, and I thank them for advancing it to General File so it could be considered as an amendment on this bill. LB 915 is a good bill, and I'm proud to attempt to attach this to it, and I thank you for your attention. This would provide \$200,000 in grants to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, to be distributed around the state on a competitive basis to local communities who have programs in place, to use these funds for education prevention of drug abuse. It seems that as we have evaluated the impact of substance abuse, we have neglected to stress key preventative components. The solutions to the meth problem should include everything from residential and transitional treatment to incarceration. But let's not forget the importance of prevention. Methamphetamine abuse has had and is having a devastating effect on our communities and families throughout the state. And LB 915 reminds us of the costs of cleaning up meth labs, and I believe that a good prevention program in this state could save us money in cleaning up labs, because it would