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SENATOR CUDABACK: I did, Senator.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Stuthman, followed by Senator Beutler and Senator Chambers. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I'd like to engage in a little conversation with Senator Beutler if I may, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, would you yield?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Sure.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Senator Beutler, you're trying to initiate the change from "shall" to "may." Do you think that's going to have any effect on the reform as far as if something isn't directed and they may do a change that it could have an adverse effect on the expense of the state of Nebraska because of the issue of the federal cutting programs and then either the state shall do something or that they may do something? I'm trying to, you know, get in my mind which would be the better of the two.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, if I understand your question, let me try to respond. If you...with respect to federal cutbacks that may come and with respect to how those may affect or how you may want to respond in terms of these categories and types of things to which the "shall" or "may" applies here, you're going to be able to respond one way or another because you still may respond. All the amendment is trying to say, at least the way I conceptualized it, is that you're not required to make changes in all these different areas. But the department still may make changes in these different areas. And I want to have further conversations with Senator Jensen about exactly what some of that means also. But I don't think it would inhibit the ability of the department to respond to federal cutbacks if that's what you're asking.