

add to it the one-half of one percent as required by Section 7 of LB 59. So in this particular bill, we are asking for the establishment of the cash reserve fund to meet the fiscal problems of the State of Nebraska and this is the part that we are addressing. Senator Lamb, if he wants to address "shall" and "may" as setting up a diversionary tactic here and a smokescreen, we have decided as a legislative body the wording that we wanted in the bill, it was a compromise that was effected the other day. I will stand by that compromise. I think we all agreed to that and I would ask you not to return the bill for the adoption of this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I serve in the Government Committee with several of my colleagues, one of whom, Senator Vickers, keeps threatening every now and then to add on those kinds of measures in which the Legislature is declaring its intent an amendment that he has finally come to tell the rest of us is his. "we damn well mean it" amendment, tag it on to the end of those things so that when we're giving directions to bureaucracies of one kind or another, political subdivisions of one kind or another that we can tell them that we weren't kidding on this one. This wasn't just optional; this was meant to be done that the Legislature knew what it was doing, one of those rare occasions and that they really meant it. And while the Committee has resisted Senator Vickers on several occasions from doing that, I thought Senator Morehead had found a far more polite way, along with Senator DeCamp, to do exactly that. It is a statement, I think, of our declaration of intent of what we want to have happen, of what we thought were the marching orders that had been given to us, that this was what the State needed, that out of the clear direction of leadership that had been shown this was the way to get out of the mire and that we were responding by doing so. It seems to me that we have met our obligations under the directives given to us by the executive branch as to the course of action that we should be taking. I see no reason to deviate from that plan now. And I think that the difference between "may" and "shall" while it may not be legally binding, according to the Attorney General, is equivalent to a Vickers amendment. And for that reason, I think it makes good sense, I think it carries the emphasis of the body in the appropriate manner, that we are not indifferent to what the Board of Equalization does but that we want to have certain results occur. And those results are finding a way out of our economic problems. The Legislature is not indifferent to the solution of revenue problems. It means to take action. The Legislature is not just simply creating authorities for others to take care of the problem; it is not simply writing out those, those kinds of permissive directions which allow other people to step to