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it was our feeling that those items ought to be funded through an A bill with the enabling legislation. So the amendment strikes the funding of \$120,000 for LB 1005. It strikes the \$470,000 for the funding of LB 1125 and it strikes \$150,000 for the funding of 1117. What would remain in the bill is \$100,000 for the farmer financial management assistance, \$35,000 for data linkage and \$125,000 to Nebraska Technical Assistance Center. Those three programs, the first one is primarily to, through the Department of Agriculture, to develop and improve some programs to assist the individual farmers with their financial management skills. It probably would be done under a contractual relationship primarily with the Institute of Agriculture as well as technical community colleges. It probably would not be an ongoing program but it is a program to accelerate some assistance to agricultural people or to farmers primarily to deal with some of the financial management problems that they are faced. The \$35,000 is for some computing programming which would assist in consolidating all of the various information sources that do exist in several agencies of state government but currently are not designed in such a way that they are available to all agencies from the same data base and that would be a desirable thing to do in any event. The third item which is the total of \$125,000, somebody has to help me, it slips my mind. I think that was small business, wasn't it? Okay. I'll find it. Yes, the \$125,000 is for coordinating communications and information technology with the University of Nebraska and other sources for that kind of information which would then be distributed to those industries that need that kind of information through the Department of Economic Development. There would probably be emphasis on the food processing industry primarily but there could be other technical resource base available to a variety of private businesses across the state and the committee felt that that was an excellent program to assist, particularly I would imagine, smaller businesses that have need for that kind of information but perhaps are not in a position to have it readily available to them in a useful form. I would move adoption of those amendments.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to adopt sections one and two of