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that the payout date for the funds that are to be distributed is on or before September 1 of each year.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the opening on the amendment to the amendment. I have several lights on. I am going to go through the list. If you choose to speak on the amendment to the amendment, I will recognize you. If not, I'll leave your place in line. Senator Wesely, do you care to speak on the amendment to the amendment? Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, this is an amendment that I hadn't seen. I am not on the Revenue Committee, so I'm not familiar with what's being proposed, but I was going to rise and raise questions about 695 underneath it. You know, if we back up a little bit and remember our colleague, Senator Warner. When he talked about the vision that he had for restructuring the government of the state of Nebraska in dealing with property tax issues, he wasn't just talking about reducing property taxes and replacing it with state aid. He was talking about taking the structure of government and trying to realign it so it was more efficient and more effective in delivering services to the state of Nebraska. Now I don't know where the underlying LB 695 accomplishes that. I do not know where LB 1136, now being proposed to amend into it, accomplishes that. But my guess is it doesn't go very far in that direction. What it does is provide relief on taxes to the counties, but does it actually accomplish the goal of improving governmental services in the state of Nebraska? Now we've got that Business Summit out there breathing down our neck trying to talk about a constitutional amendment to try and limit state and local...local taxes, and we have other proposals out and about that might likewise address that. And I think it behooves us to carefully consider our options. We have only so much money to go around; the \$20 million pot in the bill that we carried over last year, other monies that are out there. And it seems to me that we need to think about using the money to restructure and improve the type of services that we deliver. I...sending money back to the counties on the jail and 695 underneath it, does it improve jail services? Does it improve the cost efficiency of the jails that we have in the state of Nebraska? How does it effect efficiencies? How does this proposal that Senator Wickersham is proposing accomplish that goal? It..it talks