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because there are certain cases where I think it is necessary that you do purchase land in advance and hang onto it. I don't think you should hang onto it for purposes of inflation or anything like that, to make money, but I think it is for certain purposes. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Engel. Further discussion? Senator Coordsen, recognized to close.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I...my assumption would be that the situation that is fairly common across the state of Nebraska, by not only school districts, but other units of government, of purchasing land in anticipation of either future needs, future growth, or a new area that is essential for the accomplishment of the public purpose would be exempt from this language. But I think this amendment does in fact point out that in government, in the acquisition of private property for...for what we've used as public use, either through outright purchase or the use of eminent domain, that one of our public responsibilities is in fact to divest ourselves of that property, to return it to private use at that point in time when either plans change or a short-term goal has been accomplished and that real estate has in fact been identified as not being essential to the operation of that local unit of government. This is a little bit of a warning flag on the pole for this year. But I would encourage all entities of government from the state of Nebraska on down to examine their real property for its real value to the purposes of their agency or entities' future operation. With that, Mr. President, I would ask that AM1257 be withdrawn.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is withdrawn. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wickersham would move to amend with AM1465. (Legislative Journal page 1685.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay. Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I have handed around a sheet that I hope will help