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to put it succinctly for you. If you have questions, I would be happy to be able to try to answer them.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Tyson would move to amend Senator Schimek's amendment with AM1785. It's the one you gave me earlier today, Senator. (AM1785, Legislative Journal page 269.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Tyson, you're recognized to open on your amendment to the Schimek amendment to LB 480.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Mine is a very simple amendment. It does several things. On page 4, line 12, I believe you all have a copy of this, it merely substitutes "may" for "shall", a not uncommon substitution in this body on amendments. If you then turn to page 5, one of the items mentioned by Senator Schimek, on line 12, we strike the word "require" and we insert the word "allow". So that word...that sentence is: Nothing in Sections 1 to 7 of this act allows the Women's Health Initiative of Nebraska to accept any private donations that are not in keeping with the goals and objectives set forth in the initiatives and the Department of Health and Human Services. In the next line...well, pardon me, beginning in line 15, no funds expended or received by or through the initiative, and Senator Schimek made a direct reference to this. Her language is "pay for abortion referral or abortion services". And my amendment strikes that and inserts the language beginning after "shall" on line 16, beginning with the word "pay" so that it now reads: No funds expended or received by or through the initiative shall be paid or granted to organizations or affiliates of organizations which perform, prefer (sic) or refer for abortions. The purport of all of this is that money, as the expression goes, is not fungible. If I give money to an organization and say, now I don't want you to use this money for Purpose A, let's say, providing or referring or counseling on abortions, they can tell me with a perfectly straight face and a clean conscience, we won't spend that money for that; we're going to spend the money that you give us for postage. Now the money we were going to spend for postage, we're going to use for the other purpose, the one that you don't want. But they don't tell you that. That