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I believe there is no questions on this. Everyone understands what's happening now. Still stays the same place, doesn't transfer any funds out of the Building Renewal Division; only directs that it takes a different route within DAS. Comes back to the same place. That's my understanding and I ask for your support.

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

CLERK: Senator Lynch would move to amend the Schimek amendment. Senator Lynch, AM2160. (AM2160, Legislative Journal page 471.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Lynch, recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, I agree with what Senator Janssen said. What this particular amendment does is simply tighten down the language. To be completely frank, we've had some history and tradition of cigarette tax money going into the Building Renewal Fund, but only the...it was used to transfer from, again then, out of the Building Renewal Fund into some other agency of the state. We're seeing that again this year with the two-cent tax that will go into technology. So what the purpose of this amendment is to simply tighten down the language to make sure that, of course, those funds that go into the Building Renewal Fund stay there for the purpose they're intended and will not be transferred out. I supported the bill because the five year, as you know, when LB 1100 passed two or three years ago, provided a depreciation factor. They were supposed to wait five years so the funds can be built up, out of which they would use for the agency from which the funds emanated. The five years though, in some cases, is impractical because of projects that need to be done now if the money is available, and that's what they're intended for. This bill provided for that. This language in the amendment simply makes sure that no fun and games go on as it applies to where these funds will be spent. Thanks.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Janssen, on the Lynch amendment.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of