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Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 1169.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Coordsen, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. This amendment authorizes the transfer of unobligated, unexpended funds from the Nebraska Local Government Innovation and Restructuring Fund to the Department of Administrative Services. The purpose of this transfer is to provide some resources to do some renovation work in the tower and I was awaiting another amendment but it hasn't shown up so we may be looking at something else at the next and last stage of debate on this issue. It was brought to my attention, and by the way, this...this is an unknown amount of money. It is whatever is unexpended at the June 30th of this particular year, the end of this fiscal year. As I think everybody here in the Capitol well understands, the outside work on the...on the tower, on the stonework or the face of the building has created a situation where various entities of state government that are housed in the tower have had to move into leased quarters around the city of Lincoln on a temporary basis. Well, this provides us with an opportune time to do some renovation, upgrading in wiring. The administration is planning to do life and safety, that is, smoke alarms and sprinklers and things of that type along with the emptying of the floors as they happen throughout the tower. What I'm proposing and I proposed to the administration and they have agreed to that that we do whatever absolutely necessary renovations to each floor as it becomes available, primarily for the purposes of updating the wiring for the computer technology side that has become such an important part of all of the agencies of government, whether it's the Worker's Compensation Court on the 13th and 12th floor or any of the other spaces. We've done, for an example, 9 and 10, I believe, the Intermediate Court as well as the floor that the Legislature has for the Transcribers and the Public Information Offices have been done. There's no money needed to be expended on those. But that is what this amendment is for and then I may have another amendment either at this stage or have a return from Final Reading for the purpose of another amendment. We just were able to put together some language this morning and over the noonhour, which we haven't got yet. Okay, so with that,