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approval, to impose a provider tax on the ICF-MRs and on Beatrice State Developmental Center, a public entity and a not-for-profit entity, and bring substantial amounts of federal dollars back to the state of Nebraska. The Department of Medicaid Services, a department of HHS, has...is very much in favor of this. The bill...both of the bills, as they were presented to the Revenue Committee, were advanced unanimously. And we now have all of the division of funds, I think, squared away, and Senator Bourne has put his approval on that distribution and will bring, as I said, a substantial amount of money back to our General Fund and the community-based services for people with developmental disabilities. In addition to this, in LB...in AM3285, Senator Erdman had a bill that was also unanimously advanced by the Revenue Committee and which doesn't appear to have any type of controversy surrounding it. We have blended that into AM3285, and at this point I would yield a couple of minutes to Senator Erdman to explain his part of this amendment, and then would certainly take any questions.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Byars. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. Thank you, Senator Byars, for this opportunity. The amendment that was previously filed has been incorporated into Senator Byars' amendment. The amendment that I had is the committee amendment to LB 1095. LB 1095 was advanced from the Revenue Committee unanimously. After working with the committee and the committee Chair, we arrived at this appropriate vehicle. LB 1095 would remove a filing requirement from farm and farm-related individuals that is only on them and is not in any other business on the state of Nebraska. We view it's unfair, and in consultations with different agencies, we felt that the appropriate plan was what's in Section 13 of Senator Byars' amendment, which again can be found as the committee amendment to LB 1095. I would encourage your support to return it to Select File for this specific amendment, AM3285, and I would yield my time back to Senator Byars if he needs it.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. And Senator Byars, did you wish to use the rest of your time?