

amendment I have, Mr. President, is by Senator Vickers. Senator Vickers' amendment is on page 1344 of the Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, this amendment, you have a handout on your desk with an intent statement of...it begins with an explanation of LB 417 passed in 1985. On the back side of it, probably more importantly, on the back side of it there are some dollar figures of...and a total of \$5.6 million. The reason I'm offering this amendment now is that there is a federal law that has a program established for providing the programs for the summer food programs for food service to children in public or private nonprofit institutions, in summer camps. There is a program for child care providers and a summer milk program that provides milk for needy children not enrolled in a program or camp that serves meals. This, as I understand the issue, the federal government has said that if we do not have the direct authority to allow the Department of Education to accept and disperse these nonmatching federal funds, USDA, the federal government has been dispersing it directly through the USDA. Now they are not going to disperse it anymore through the USDA, they're going to instead send it to the states and allow the states to disperse it, but we do not have the authority for the Department of Education to accept these funds on a flow through basis. That is the sum and substance of the amendment. Now, there was some concern that, because of some of the language higher up in the amendment up on sub 3, there was some concern by some of the hospital folks that the provisions that we're putting in, in sub 5 may have some application to any educational or training program which the hospitals had and they were concerned, or at least they voiced a concern to me, that the Department of Education would not be involved in that and that is not the intent. I want to make it clear that the language in sub 5 only applies to sub 5 so that the Department of Education will be in a position to receive and distribute according to law these monies from the federal government. There will be no cost to the state. There will be no additional state expenditures. These are not matching funds. They are nonmatching federal funds so the simple fact of the matter is the State of Nebraska will not get the \$5.6 million if we don't pass the mechanism to allow these federal funds to come to one of our departments to be dispersed. So I ask