

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Morehead would move to amend. (Morehead amendment appears on page 1829 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Morehead.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Mr. President, members of the body, the Page is in the process of handing this amendment out. I'm sorry, but I guess that I was under the impression that these amendments were always printed unless they were voluminous and I now understand that I have to specifically tell the Clerk to print or otherwise they are just filed, so for that, I apologize. This amendment has to do with the restoration to the budget of \$42,000 for the Technical Assistance Center which is located at the University of Nebraska. I want to tell you a little bit about the Technical Assistance Center. It was a center that was established after being proposed by two different task forces. These task forces said that in the State of Nebraska one of our biggest areas of economic development is in the small businesses on main street or within the communities of our existing cities. In other words they aren't industries or businesses that come in from the outside, even though we spend hundreds of thousands of dollars at the state level and also individually within our cities to try to attract new businesses from outside. Instead these task force reports say the thing that you need to do is support the businesses that are in existence and one of the areas that you could easily support them through the Department of Economic Development or in the state is to put them with technical assistance that they need in development of a product or in refining the manner in which they are distributing or marketing that product in some way or another. This is the kind of assistance that they need. This center was established in January of 1985. It is incredible to me that we go through the exercise of task force and meetings and identifications of ways that we can help our businesses in the State of Nebraska and then within a year's time practically we take that good idea and scrap it. Now I have a list here of the contacts, pages of contacts of people that have been assisted, businesses that have been assisted through the State of Nebraska, some way. These are businesses in your area, in my area. This center is used, ladies and gentlemen, and it does promote and does give good results for our small entities in the State of Nebraska. Now it is \$42,000 I know, but I think that this center, located within our university system and operated in conjunction with the Department of Economic Development, needs a chance to go on assisting our businessmen in this state and businesswomen in