

the \$60,000. But we ought to at least authorize them and hopefully they can come up with the money elsewhere. I don't know if that will be possible. They are worried about that. But if we can authorize it they can try and find that funding. So I've talked to Senator Hannibal about this and he has agreed to this. So I'd ask that this language be included authorizing that center to continue to exist. That is all it does. There is no money involved.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. Speaker, as Senator Wesely did tell you that we do, as an Appropriations Committee, agree that this program does have potential and we are interested in economic development in this state. By eliminating the language on the blue sheet, that we worked off of the last few days, and putting the intent language in the bill, that the Department of Economic Development may contract with the University to continue the operation of the Technical Assistance Center, that we agree with that language and that we will accept this as a friendly amendment so that there be no question as to whether they are working within the intention of the Legislature or not. One thing that I would like to point out, and Senator Wesely did pull his last amendment, on that handout that you got from me there is, on page two, some fund balances that are showing the fund balance, and if you'll look at the page, on page two of the Nebraska Ag Products Research Fund, fund balance at the end of the '84-85 fiscal year, you'll see a fund balance there of \$731,000. That is the fund that we are talking about taking \$200,000 out of and putting into the administration of the rest of their services. Those are funds that have been held there for their reason for possible litigious situations, I learned that term from Senator Johnson, litigious situations that may arise, and we have suggested that they rather use their funds for current operations and not be building war chests for possible, potential situations. That fund balance of \$731,000 possibly will be reduced by \$200,000, so they would still have a fund balance of \$531,000 to work off of for any kind of future, potential operations and, as a matter of fact, fund any part of Program 604 that they wish. It is within their authority to do so. They also have a fund balance at the bottom of that page dealing with federal indirect cost reimbursement funds. If you'll notice the bottom of their '84-85 budget, or their '85-86 budget you'll find some pretty substantial fund