

to restore \$24,010 back into that program. The reason for that amount, that will put the total dollar figure back to the same amount that the Appropriations Committee had originally offered as far as the total dollars for the Department of Agriculture. We had, at one time Senator Johnson and I had attempted to reinstate another \$24,010 and we were unsuccessful in that. So this...because that \$74,000 figure would have been a negative...or wound up with no change, adding this back makes it wind up no change. Now there is some, so that you don't misunderstand, the ag statistics department indicated that they thought they needed a little bit more than this. But it would appear to me, at least, and I think a few other folks, that they probably will be able to get the information necessary with this amount. I would ask for the adoption of this amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the information does need to be collected. It doesn't have to be put into a fancy brochure. It doesn't have to be mailed free of charge to people. We don't need glossy photographs. Towards that end I think the budget reduction makes sense. This restoration, however, will continue the free flow of information and information gathering. We have a very legitimate purpose now for the use of this information. In fact in the past perhaps it was more of a frill than it is now. Now it is absolutely essential to the way we do business. So out of a \$74,000 cut, \$24,000 is being put back in and we still have a reasonable response on behalf of the Legislature. I would applaud, by the way, Senators Johnson and Vickers for in fact keeping their nose to the grindstone and re-examining the question to see that we didn't run into problems with the cost savings in their General File amendment. I applaud them for that.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Vickers, did you wish to close? All right. The question is the adoption of the Landis-Rod Johnson-Vickers amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please vote if you care to. Please vote if you care to. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of that amendment, Mr. President.