

We had \$22 million that was sitting in that Cash Reserve Fund. It is a rainy day fund that was supposed to be used when we don't have the money to pay for state government. Now it isn't all that difficult to do away with it. I felt it was clearly within the call but, like I said earlier on the floor, I think there is a little bit of politics being played with what bills are in the call and what bills are outside the call. So I'm offering this amendment today to say that we have the money right there, we don't have to raise taxes. We can just take the money, use it and go home. We'll avoid the heartaches of making these...some of these cuts. We can reduce the amounts of cuts that we are making to the University and local political subdivisions. We can make the voters back in our districts happy by not increasing taxes. Now I handed out a sheet here that was dealing with the Omaha Chamber of Commerce opposing a Nebraska tax hike. Now I always felt it was a legitimate issue. I always felt it was a legitimate solution to this problem. I'm glad to see that the Omaha Chamber came to the realization that it is a legitimate way to solve this particular problem. We can take the \$22 million, which clearly we have the right to do considering it is a rainy fund, we can take the money, use the money and then go home without having to increase the taxes and without the need of LB 35. I'm going to keep the amendment up here for awhile and maybe even have a vote on it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lundy, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LUNDY: Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether or not this amendment is germane.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, just a moment, please. Thank you. Senator Abboud, is this amendment the same as your number 12, approximately?

SENATOR ABBLOUD: It is not the same, Mr. President. They both deal...LB 35, as well as this amendment, both deal with Chapter 77 of the Nebraska statutes.

SPEAKER NICHOL: On page 45, Senator Abboud, of your Journal there is an Attorney General's Opinion that says both 12 and 19 do not fall within the call. Senator Lundy, was your question whether this amendment was germane to the bill, or whether the bill was within the call? I've forgotten which