

be contained in a separate bill. And it is a designated amount for dealing with cancer research, and we will get to that when we completed action on LB 22. But I would urge that the bill be advanced and be considered part of a revenue package that will help provide the gap when we get to the next round of discussions on appropriations.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Warner. An amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lynch, Vrtiska, Coordsen, it's Building Maintenance Committee, if I'm not mistaken, has an amendment printed, AM1838. Senator, I understand you want to withdraw 1838 and offer 2024.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yeah, Mr...excuse me. Mr. Speaker and members, this is an amendment, after hearing what Senator Warner said, I am reluctant to offer it, but I think I will just to explain the reason behind it and the reason for it. What this amendment simply does is after the three years of the commitment for 5 cents of the cigarette tax is ended, this amendment would divert that 5 cents to building maintenance. As you know, I'm Chairman of the 309 Committee, and our entire committee signed this amendment. And the reason we suggested maybe this is an appropriate use of these funds after the three-year commitment is finished for that 5 cents is because by 1993 to '95 and in the future we will have a total, believe it or not, ladies and gentlemen, of \$66,546,000 worth of deferred maintenance that is not being accomplished at the present time. That's the total amount of unmet need, not the funds...not including those funds that we now have available and intend to use and would like to use. Coupled with this is something that I think we should seriously consider on this floor, not in this amendment, but I think we should, similar to an amendment that Senator Warner suggested that applied to corrections where, when we develop a program we should have some idea about the funds and where they...and how they will be available, and if they will be available to pay for these kinds of commitments. It's really important for us, I think, to force the issue of any further capital construction in the State of Nebraska without a commitment on the part of that agency that funds are available to maintain those buildings. There is absolutely no reason why anybody in this state, at any level, and in any agency should consider any capital construction in the future without,