

for the Internet project. That bill passed, did not have the emergency clause included. We have a lot of Educational Service Units who have gotten very excited and very interested in doing this. They would like to have had the emergency clause in place. We don't have the emergency clause in place. Some of these areas will be a year down the road getting access to this technology. Secondly, LB 348 contains a provision moving the Fire Marshal's, excuse me, the Fire Training Division from the Department of Education to the Fire Marshal's Office. Funds in the Fire Marshal's...funds in the Fire Safety Training Division will transfer also. This amendment is needed to make sure that it is only the unobligated monies. If monies have already been obligated in that Cash Fund, they ought not to transfer over to the new department. Number three, the caucus system we've talked about, we've found that there is nothing in the statutes that allows school districts to choose their school board members via the caucus system, and that one...the only school district that does that currently is District 66 in Omaha. There is nothing in it that allows them...gives them a process of filling vacancies. Every other school board a vacancy is filled by a majority vote of the school board. This adds that provision too with the caucus system so that vacancies can be filled via the vote of the local school board. We passed LB 838 or LB 838 is on Final Reading, the changes to transportation options as it relates to the choice program. There are other provisions of the statute that LB 838 did not pick up. This amendment would add those to it. And, finally, there is a provision in LB 348 affecting the operations of the Professional Practices Commission. We inadvertently in that amendment changed the manner of election of officers. This amendment would require...would allow the Professional Practices Commission to continue to elect its officers according to its current working rules. I believe those are fairly noncontroversial, would ask that this provision of AM2582 be adopted. I would respond to any questions that anyone might have.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Withem. Discussion on this portion of the amendment? Seeing none, do you wish to close, Senator Withem?

**SENATOR WITHEM:** I would urge this portion of the amendment be adopted.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Withem. We will now vote on