

going to continue that tradition and I am sure that most of that money will be used in coordination with other state agencies, along with the natural resource districts. So, while I would have perhaps preferred a larger amount, it may be that we can work the responsibilities in coordination between the various agencies and the subdivisions of government and still achieve the goal that both of us would want. So I guess I really have no problem with it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Weihing, then Senator Owen Elmer.

SENATOR WEIHING: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I can assure you that the research that they are thinking about is that of an extension in greater depth than what would be done by agencies. The agencies do applicable work. They do not do research in the sense of in depth research or nor do they do fundamental research. The type of research that would be suggested here, I'm certain, would be that which we definitely need very much in that we have been using chemicals upon our land of various types, that of the fertilizers and of the very highly toxic chemicals for the use and control of insects and plant diseases and nematodes, and the movement of those products have become of concern. We know the Division of Conservation and Survey in Nebraska has a remarkable record in research. Nebraska was the first state to know as much about underground water as any state in the nation, perhaps of any underground water supply in the world. It is a very reputable group. It has maintained a very high degree of standing in its research. I assure you that that 200,000 isn't to be of a duplicatory nature of what is already going on. But it would certainly be supplementary and be of value and permit agencies to develop programs that are most efficient for us as a...in the handling of our natural resources.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Owen Elmer, then Senator Warner.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President. It seems that this intent language that is being proposed by Senator Johnson is well timed, especially after listening to Dr. Manley a couple of weeks ago and his concern about our water and water quality. It seems also that the studies that we have been talking about and the multiplicity of them are something that this research intent could use to progress in finding out what our water qualities and water quantity problems are by using those studies in the