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SENATOR KOCH: And how long have we been carrying a million dollars to carry out some of that...

SENATOR WARNER: Six, seven years, I suspect.

SENATOR KOCH: Six or seven years. Did the committee talk seriously about deleting this million dollar appropriation in here and utilizing it somewhere else?

SENATOR WARNER: The committee has had general discussion as to the possibility of repealing that. There seems to be, and we are not clear yet, there seems to be some possibility there were some contracts pending that when the federal funds were to be available...well, they weren't really contracts, but were the federal funds to become available, the state had pledged this amount to be available for a match, and if indeed the possibility the federal funds no longer exists for this development, I would agree that this money doesn't need to be there but we were not clear enough on it at this point that we specifically took action to repeal it but there was discussion to do exactly that.

SENATOR KOCH: Was there any discussion, Senator Warner, on possibly this money be held over for some other construction project that is in the embryo stage of development?

SENATOR WARNER: There was discussion that the...not so much for anything specific as to just the plain lapsing of the funds to be utilized for some other purpose whether it be construction or operations.

SENATOR KOCH: But nothing that is rather obvious on the horizon?

SENATOR WARNER: I don't recall. There may be several people who had ideas how to use the million....

SENATOR KOCH: I just wondered if there were other ideas that maybe you weren't familiar with.

SENATOR WARNER: Right, well, there could be. The discussion specifically in the committee merely pertained to the lapsing of the funds because it appeared unlikely that they were going to be utilized.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Dworak says that he would like to yield to a question, if you don't mind.

SENATOR DWORAK: Senator Koch.