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total of \$1,266,000. Also is the contract for optometry students that are attending out of state schools up \$50,000 for a total of \$175,000 for the coming year. There is federal funds for the Historical Society which are used to restore individual buildings which generally are in political subdivisions, property that is on the national register.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, sir.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner, Senator Schmit has a question.

SENATOR WARNER: Sure.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, yesterday I waited until the end of the discussion on the explanation of the bill to ask questions and I was limited in the amount of time that I had available. One of the questions I had yesterday was in regard to the amount of funds that had been devoted to the habitat program and I see here under Section 17, Game and Parks Commission, habitat development, another \$862,000 and I checked the bill and I see there is about \$650,000 from the state general fund, et cetera, some from the federal funds. Would you explain to me, Senator Warner, exactly how much money we are putting into the habitat program in the State of Nebraska this year for the benefit of wildlife, total amount of money. Do you have that figure please?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, it would be four items of authorized expenditure. Those are all as cash funds and the source of funding, of course, is from the amount of stamps. If they don't get the stamps sold, the money would be something less. This would be the maximum amount they could spend and in LB 998 there is \$452,643 which is for the planting of shrubs and so forth on property owned by the Game Commission. There is \$268,000 in LB 998 which goes for the same type of development but on property owned by other public entities. Then there is the \$862,000 that is in this bill and that is the funds that are paid and matched with NRDs at twenty-five-seventy-five percent level paid to individuals for leasing land which then is both used for wildlife management and then there is the acquisition money that you asked about yesterday of \$776,000 in LB 1000 which is available for the purchase of land for wildlife management and those purchases can only be...they do not have the right of eminent