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SENATOR HEFNER: That is correct.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Now do you have any objection to our stating that in the bill itself that the 1.3 million can not be spend unless the 13 million is forthcoming?

SENATOR HEFNER: I don't think it is necessary.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: But as we are appropriating the money now, it is going to be under the discretion of the Board of Regents to spend it, if they want, is it not?

SENATOR HEFNER: They probably could, but I really don't think that they will because they are responsible people.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Thank you Senator Hefner. I wonder if Senator Howard Peterson would yield as a co-sponsor, would you yield to a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Peterson, will you respond?

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Yes.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Senator Peterson, as a co-sponsor of this bill is it also your intent that that 1.3 million dollars that we are appropriating in section one is not to be spent by the University unless the federal funds are forthcoming?

SENATOR H. PETERSON: I don't think there is any question but all of us that are sponsoring feel that way.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Well now is there any reason we shouldn't state that in the A bill? I don't understand. Senator Schmit is willing to say that on the floor and you are willing to say that on the floor, why don't we write that into the law as well?

SENATOR H. PETERSON: I honestly believe that we have the letter from the University indicating what will happen and I believe as far as I am concerned I believe what the university has written us. So I see no reason to put it in the A bill.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: But you concede the University would have the discretion to spend this money anyway.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: I would concede that they would have the discretion but I don't believe that they will.