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SENATOR WESELY: This money is not for the weatherization. The money that is raised through the severance tax, part of it is used to administer some of the energy programs of the state. This deals only with those energy programs' administrative costs and that is a fraction of the money we raise through the severance tax.

SENATOR CLARK: How much money is raised totally?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, it is several million dollars. We are talking here about \$500,000 of it is what we are using.

SENATOR CLARK: You make it sound pretty reasonable, \$500,000 is still a lot of money.

SENATOR WESELY: Well, it is the same thing we have done last year when we passed the legislation.

SENATOR CLARK: But this money, has this been in administration only?

SENATOR WESELY: No, this is for actual programs. Like the gasohol, we'll concentrate on that. That goes to a testing program on small alcohol plants....

SENATOR CLARK: I realize that but where has it been before?

SENATOR WESELY: That is where it was before. Last year we put in \$100,000 to have the University test alcohol still plants that the farmers might have in Nebraska. It is a two-year project and so this would carry it out again this next year to finish the project but it is going to go through the Gasohol Committee to the research rather than through the University.

SENATOR CLARK: Okay.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator DeCamp, to close.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay. Mr. President, the amendment we have....

SENATOR LAMB: Just a moment. If you don't want to close, we do....Senator Koch just put his light on, please.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Senator DeCamp, for allowing me the privilege of speaking which I thought all members were entitled to even though you would have to give them maybe your blessings. Now, Senator DeCamp and Senator Wesely, why