

quality standpoint or the actual practices, it's essential that all of Nebraska take a small part of that responsibility. Currently, most of the landowners are paying 75 percent or more of the mandated program costs. This would not change that even 1 percent but it would enable us to perhaps encourage the development of soil conservation measures and in the second year to begin to develop procedures that would enhance the life span of the structures that we have in place that are currently being shortened somewhat by silting, by contamination with chemicals, with all of the things that are happening there to groundwater impoundment structures. So I would say that while it seems in the lump to be a significant amount of money, in reality it's something that we should do. It's going to have to be done at some time and I would encourage us to add this at this...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...point of time. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Warner, Senator Hannibal next.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Moore, I think, has pretty well sketched out the rationale for this agency but, again, I would repeat that there was substantial dollars put into the Resource Development Fund, about a million four over the Governor who also was higher than the previous year's total appropriation but it was felt that particularly because of the advantageous federal fund match that that emphasis ought to be on that Resource Development Fund this year. I would like to ask Senator Johnson a question though so I'm sure, Rod, if you would answer, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR WARNER: As I...the way your amendment is written, is it 500,000 only the first year and no additional money the second year? Is that...it's what you intend, right?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Five hundred thousand this year for the Soil and Water Conservation Fund; the second year, the 500,000 would probably be spent on the nonpoint source contamination problem.

SENATOR WARNER: Because what I believe the way the amendment is