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SENATOR MOORE: As introducer of this amendment, it is obviously...I am assuming it's not your intent that all million dollars is spent on one project?

SENATOR COORDSEN: No, as I indicated, I support the philosophy that Senator Hannibal has so ably expressed on the floor. However, I feel that a finite limit in this bill that might preclude a job training program...and we're talking about a biennium, is a little bit shortsighted perhaps.

SENATOR MOORE: But do you think, I mean, should a million dollars buy us one, two? I mean, you're saying no cap. Even a quarter of a million you think would be unreasonable, in your opinion?

SENATOR COORDSEN: I don't think that a quarter of a million would be unreasonable but it depends upon the amount of matching funds that may be available and we do not...are not able to look into the future even a second to see what opportunities or what needs, rather than opportunities, might be presented in the next two years of the business of the State of Nebraska. So I simply offered this amendment, not in opposition to the philosophy but to increase the flexibility.

SENATOR MOORE: So, Senator Coordsen, it's clearly your intent that, you know, we would like to take it...take it out of stone but it's still your intent that \$100,000 is reasonable but it shouldn't be in statute that way.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Yes.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, with that, that's all I have, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Scofield, further discussion?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. President and members, I am glad that we had an opportunity to discuss this on the floor. And, frankly, Senator Crosby and Coordsen and Smith, you...and Hefner, for that matter, the point you make in terms of some flexibility certainly sounds reasonable enough and I think this pretty much puts in record at least what our intent was as a Legislature for talking about setting some kind of a limit. I would also point out in an era when federal funds appear to be getting tighter,