

it may seem to be a bit inconsistent for the state to start running ours looser but there is also, on the other hand, I would recognize the rationale you're pointing out for some kind of flexibility and I guess that I would simply yield any of the balance of my time to Senator Hefner or Smith or Coordsen or Crosby if they had any intention...Senator Coordsen has discussed this already but if you had any intention other than that the funds would be spread as broadly as possible still allowing some flexibility in the state, I think that should be in the record. But I do believe it's probably safe to say, without asking any of you individually that you, too, would disapprove of the expenditure of all these funds in perhaps just one or two places and I suspect you would agree with the underlying rationale of the committee on this even though you don't necessarily agree with the cap set. So I would yield the balance of my time to anybody who happens to disagree with how I have characterized what I think you are thinking. But otherwise that's essentially the rationale the committee has had here and I suspect we're all in agreement here. So it's probably just important we have that intent in the discussion. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, if I'm allowed a little bit of time that's left.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Agree or disagree are pretty strong words but I would agree that if the Department of Economic Development, through whichever contractors that they were involved with in a job training program, would use these funds when there were available matching funds from any other source, I would be very, very unhappy. I agree with the philosophy that these funds are leverage money to be used to balance whatever available, and it's widely fluctuating from year to year depending upon the actions of Congress, matching funds for job training programs in the state or in specific areas within the state. My problem with the \$100,000 cap, with a \$250,000 cap, or any cap at all that what if there is a "saturn plant" and we need \$5 million in training funds? And I wouldn't object if for a fiscal year if we used the million dollars to leverage \$4 million. And that's the problem with a finite cap that it precludes us or precludes us saying those that are responsible for the administration of the program from being able to serve job creation that may well appear. We are talking about the next two years, the next