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SENATOR CHIZEK: That's correct, Senator, and this is the first time that I am ever...that I have ever been aware of that they are taking penalty interest funds for this purpose.

SENATOR COORDSEN: I missed part of the conversation here because I was in another conversation but has DED ever been involved in job training before?

SENATOR CHIZEK: Not per se. They may have...at one time I know there were people from the Department of Labor, they paid the salary and they were housed with DED to help them set up any kind of training or anything like that that was necessary for recruitment or expansion where training was needed, Senator.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Okay, thank you. That's all.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Wesely, followed by Senator Chizek and Moore.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President and members, I would rise in support of the Chizek amendment, as I did last time when we discussed Senator Hall's handling of the amendment. I am afraid that once again we're late in the session and I understand Senator Warner's concern but it would seem wise to me if we're not certain about how we're proceeding, not to spend a million dollars unwisely and if we can't spend it right, let's not spend it at all and perhaps we can reconsider and revisit this issue next session. I would rather not take the million dollars and send it over to the Department of Economic Development and start this new trend perhaps than proceed and hold the money back by eliminating this fund through this amendment. I don't know if Senator Chizek is going to pursue it or not but I am glad Senator Chizek and Senator Hall raised the issue before. You know, the big problem here is that we have one-time money. This isn't going to be coming back. I think we have 3 million in the fund and this is going to use a million three of it. And really what we're talking about is another pot of money for the Department of Economic Development to go out and try and buy business to come into the state and is it wisely going to be used for job training or is it just going to be another inducement to bring businesses into the state that are really going to be perhaps questionable in terms of their overall impact on the economic welfare of the state. You know, we're