

instance I clearly understood that whatever dollar amount was appropriated was those fewer dollars available for something else. That is just simply a fact, as is true of any other measure that goes across. So I am perfectly comfortable with, particularly with a one-time cost, if we are looking at the issue, a one-time cost which is not an ongoing program. It is not an expenditure that will have to be repeated year after year. That this be done at this time seems to me perfectly reasonable. I go with one other position, and, incidentally, it should be clearly understood, and Senator Hannibal in his remarks pointed out that with less than 33 votes, we are talking about 16.2 million, that with 25 votes or more, you are you are talking 16.2 million, with 33 or more you are talking 32.4 million, because, as the bill is drafted, the appropriation is scheduled for the fiscal year '89-90, which we are currently in, would obviously have expired on June 30th and would no longer be a valid appropriation for that portion, so that should be clearly understood. But I look at this whole issue in a much broader sense, and if I can relate something that we talk about all the time in another area now. We talk a lot about how taxpayers felt about the promise of property tax relief from legislation enacted last session, and we make a lot of accusations and comments as to why it was or why it didn't happen, and that is not the issue with me at the moment. The issue was that we made a promise, the state made a promise, what was presumed to be a promise in good faith by all those who deposited funds in those industrials, that those funds were protected. The State of Nebraska said so because we passed a law that said so, and whether it was a private corporation or a public corporation, if it was private, and it wasn't supervised as tightly or as carefully or wasn't administered as carefully or as closely as it should have been, nevertheless...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...we made a promise, I don't talk about...the Legislature didn't make the promise, the state made the promise. Every time we pass a law, it is the state promising its citizens collectively that certain things are going to occur, and when those promises fail to materialize, when they are not there, it is no different than when you buy insurance, for life insurance, or automobile accident, or health insurance, you buy a promise that if you have a problem, if there is a problem comes up for which you thought you had coverage and it is not there, then that system failed you, and that is what this was. It was a