

requested it, and so the...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay.

SENATOR MOORE: I mean the City of Omaha didn't do it.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay.

SENATOR MOORE: ...has quit doing it, and I think you're correct, it's liability reasoning. But the reason I declined to say yes is because I don't remember exactly.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay. That's fine, because I think that is my purpose in here. That's part of the reason they quit doing it, because of the liability exposure on those inspections. And they decided to quit doing it, it's a matter of funds, and it's costing us money because of their liability exposure. And I just wanted to make sure I got that into the record, and it's probably something we will discuss later in the session. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm a little bit familiar with the elevator inspection program in Omaha. The reason we probably have a deficit, Senator Kristensen, is because of the fact that when Omaha did the inspections of the elevators they were being paid \$50 for each inspection. And, somehow, when the state took it over they dropped it down to \$30. So I spoke to Senator Moore a few days ago and said that what we ought to do is introduce an amendment or something and increase that inspection, at least up to...back to the \$50 that the City of Omaha used to charge, because I understand there's about 2,000 and some elevators now in the City of Omaha that are supposed to have an annual inspection, and they're not going to have it. Well, if you take the 2,000 plus elevators in the City of Omaha and charge them \$50 for each inspection, annually, we might not have to have the deficit that we're talking about now. Right now the impact is \$88,217 in fiscal year '91-92, and \$90,000 for '92-93. They had to take the inspector from Lincoln and transfer him to Omaha because of the fact that that will allow the agency to hire at least two full-time elevator inspectors, if they get the money, one for Omaha, and then the replacement for Lincoln. And I really think it's important that we somehow, this year, increase that elevator inspection, from