

function as they're supposed to, but since there is a program in north Omaha which is intimately related to the R & D and how it operates, I definitely want this one to function as it should. And I'm going to serve notice not by way of threat or warning, but just notice, that when that trailer bill comes up I'm going to try to restore the amount of money to the north Omaha program that the Governor originally included in his budget which was \$1 million. The Budget Committee cut it down to zero. Senator Ashford, who has an awareness of this program and sees the value of it in north Omaha, prevailed on the committee to restore half of that. He and I have talked about this at great length. We talk about it frequently and I'm going to try to get that \$500,000, which is in the trailer bill now for the north Omaha program, raised to a million. Since I've been in this Legislature, going on 21 years, there is very little in the way of money that I have sought for the district where I live. There are other programs and projects...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that I have pushed very hard for. There are various types of legislation I thought would be hurtful that I have fought hard to prevent from being enacted, but this time I'm going to push for that million dollars. I think it is not unreasonable and for an area where there is so much need. I think I can prevail on you to help me restore it. So I hope you will be thinking about that and when the trailer bill comes up, I will not have to spend much time explaining that because I've already alerted you to it. But, Senator Wesely, on this one I cannot support you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I guess this is also going to be an occasion where I cannot support Senator Wesely, although I must say that I share entirely his disgruntlement with the history of the authority. I, too, was one of the original supporters of the authority and it certainly wasn't intended that it operate in the manner in which it is operated to date, but I do find compelling the argument that we have some new personnel in place and that they ought to have the opportunity to see if this mechanism, which I think is an important and useful mechanism or can be an important and useful mechanism, can be made to work correctly. And I just wanted to point out one thing to you that