

Mr. A's brother getting one form because Mr. A has some influence, and Mr. B's friend not getting the same form or assistance because Mr. B has no influence. The program was not lending money quickly. I wanted to be sure that the background work, the structuring of the program was such that even when I no longer am a member of the board, there will be an institutionalized system that will carry on without my presence, without me having to attend every board meeting to be sure that things are done in a way that at least I feel would be fair. Now that those preliminary steps have been taken, projects are coming in that meet the criteria laid down in 1241, that initial \$1 million is woefully inadequate. We knew at the time that the program was established it would be inadequate but a start had to be made. The Governor was satisfied with the progress of the program and made the recommendation of the million dollars. . I would like, Senator Byars, to get 5 million, but I know that is unrealistic, so I am asking that this bill be amended to add an additional \$500,000, which would bring this total amount up to \$1 million. That is not a lot of money for this type of program. It is not, by itself, the entire program going to meet all of the problems that exist in north Omaha, but this will be the only program that the Legislature deliberately has targeted to this area. Since I have been in the Legislature, there are not programs that I bring that would require the expenditure of money in the district that I serve. This is one proposal, and I hope that you will adopt this amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. The first speaker I have is Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker, and members, Senator Chambers referenced the fact that the Appropriations Committee left this out. So I am a little surprised, Senator Chambers, the years he has been around here knows that the Governor's budget recommendation is not as good as gold, Senator Chambers, and there are a lot of things in the Governor's budget recommendation we did not include. And so, I mean, and then the way the process went, we did not include it in the preliminary budget only because not to single that out, it is just that new type of things and expansionary type of things, as you are well aware of, Senator Chambers, last year when we passed the bill, it was only a million dollars for one year at the time. Now certainly the argument is they used that for start up but that was the intention at that time, or at least some people's understanding of that. And so with regard to that, the agency