

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Moore, had somebody presented to the committee information that would justify the existence of the program, demonstrate that it is operating in accord with the legislation that created it, and asked for the million dollars recommended by the Governor, would you have supported the inclusion of the million dollars at that time?

SENATOR MOORE: Me, or the committee?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, would you?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, ...probably no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR MOORE: I don't know. I don't think I actually supported the half a million dollars but it is still a good cause.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you. And, members, the reason I wanted to do that is to let you know when Senator Moore said he wouldn't vote for it, I hadn't really lost anything because I didn't have him in the first place, and I didn't want the impression to be conveyed that the only thing between him and supporting this was the failure of somebody from the R & D Authority or the Governor's Office to come and speak for it. Now there are comparisons I could make between how North Omaha has been treated down through the years and other parts of the state. I could talk about how readily we gave money to Crawford and other areas, and not just Crawford, but there have been storms, flood, and other types of disasters in other parts of the state which would indicate God is not pleased with the other parts of Nebraska, but despite that, I went against the risk of being struck by lightning and supported giving aid to those parts of the state. As a matter of fact, most of the time that I've spent in this Legislature has been spent dealing with the problems of other senators' districts and the people in other senators' districts, not to the exclusion of concern for my own, but people view me as somebody who is willing to try to help those in need. This now is a program with a track record. One million dollars is not an excessive amount of money. I tell you again, had I known that nobody would be before the Budget Committee, the Appropriations Committee, to support this program