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You know I guess from his remarks it all depends on what counties are going to be blessed with more money and from introducing this legislation I would probably say Senator Lamb's counties are going to receive more money. Now Senator Lamb said the land would not be sold unless it's sold for its appraisal value. Senator Lamb, who is going to appraise the land?

SENATOR LAMB: The Educational Lands and Funds hires professional appraisers to do that.

SENATOR HABERMAN: So it's all right for them to take some of this money that you say they spend and use to hire professional appraisers, but it's not all right for them to take this money to handle, what, thousands and thousands and thousands of acres to manage the land. That doesn't add up. Now I have a piece of paper here that Senator Lamb passed out and it shows a \$489,000 ending balance for the Board of Educational Lands and Funds. Folks, keeping that same balance, that's over \$200 million (sic) in five years, \$2 million in five years that they're going to make on this land, so I can't understand why he is saying they are foolish and reckless in spending their money. Senator Lamb, how many acres are presently under school leases?

SENATOR LAMB: Well, it's about 1.5 million acres.

SENATOR HABERMAN: One and half million acres and roughly...

SENATOR LAMB: One million, five hundred and sixteen thousand, a hundred and seventy acres.

SENATOR HABERMAN: And roughly how much money do they bring in?

SENATOR LAMB: Something on the order of \$26 million a year I believe.

SENATOR HABERMAN: All right, thank you. On \$26 million a year a firm who manages farmland charges 10 percent of the gross. So 10 percent of \$26 million would be what, \$2,600,000? That's what a firm would get for managing that much land. So, Senator Lamb...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR HABERMAN: ...they're not being reckless with the money that they spend. They have to spend this money to manage the