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Legislature that Economic Development shall not solicit contributions from the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority for future Nebraska Development Network activities. Could you...maybe you've talked about that a little bit, but could you talk about what's happening? I'm following that activity a little bit and I'm aware of what's happening, but what is the concern or what is the problem that's being addressed with that language?

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President and members, Senator Wesely, thank you for asking that question. Actually, there's two things in DED. One was the situation which I briefly mentioned in my opening, was the one time reduction of \$65,000 in the Department of Economic Development which is a reduction about equivalent to what DED has done on an in-kind basis with a contract that DED negotiated with NIFA, and I'm speaking from memory so if my numbers are incorrect, it was basically a contract funded by three sources, NIFA, private sources and state funds. Basically, the committee, and the other...and I'm going to speak for myself here and if the other members of the committee want to address this, I would ask them to do so. The committee has a great concern about what has been going on in DED similar to some of the concerns you had in past years, Senator Wesely, about things going on in DED without any legislative knowledge, commitments being made that back us into a corner, so to speak, after the fact. Basically, the situation we're talking about is a contract that...where DED and the director of DED, who also happens to be the Chairman of the Board of NIFA, and that is because of statutory situations, went to NIFA, got them to contribute \$80,000 for a housing study and also committed the state to \$80,000 and also said there was going to be \$80,000 in private funds. The private funds haven't materialized nowhere near \$80,000. I cannot give you a good answer as to how much private funds are now towards that. I think it originally was a \$240,000 contract. The contract is...I don't know how much the contract has actually cost. What that intent language you asked about is basically saying that if you want...if Mr. Buttress wants to get NIFA money for the housing study, he's going to have to go...NIFA is going to have to write a check directly to the contractor, Mr. Daniels, instead of running it through the state. They can still do it, they can still do it, with those private funds, but instead of raising private funds, running it through DED, in my opinion, and this is my opinion, violating our gift statute in the State of Nebraska, we're saying don't run it through DED. If NIFA