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we can. But in the downsizing we've had over the last four years, we have been unable to do that. So the need is there, the fact is we just haven't been able to fund that need. Senator Wehrbein gave me the total amount, it's 846,000, and that has remained...that has remained constant at this point.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, and do you know whether they're charging any fees at this particular point in time? I know they have the authority to...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: No, there are no fees.

SENATOR BEUTLER: They're not charging any fees to anybody...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...in any case?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Not to my knowledge, no, sir.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Weren't they directed to charge fees to those who could afford to pay fees? I thought that was the statutory directive to them.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Not that I'm aware of. And again, Senator Crosby may know more. All I know is that the exact number that they have is 846,000 now, and in the past that has been very, very short. The difference...the troubling prospect, Senator Beutler, has been that we've tried to put the monies where, obviously, the people are, and that has been in Lincoln and Omaha. And I think Lincoln and Omaha have done a very good job with the dollars that have been made available. The difficulty is getting the funds out in the central and western part of the state because most of the funds have to be used. If you're going to get out into the area, you have to travel a great deal. And so what happens is in order to make the funds stretch out further in our part of the state, they create whatever support they can do, but they can't get out...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...there, so people have to come in. What we've been trying to do for the last, well basically six years, is to get a little...