

where it goes. You know I got to thinking about it and if I had come in here and asked you to give \$3 million to the Director of Health to then work with the Governor to do something about health care and said basically they'll figure out what they're going to do with it later and then give you some report afterwards, you'd think I'm crazy I think. And I see Roger Wehrbein and I see Dave Maurstad and Senator Brown and everybody else that's on the Appropriations Committee and I wonder if you had a proposal like this that came before you and you looked at it asking for \$6 million with basically a hope and a prayer that it would work out well, whether or not you wouldn't be a little skeptical about it too. At the same time what we heard in the argument in the committee was, well, you never know what the situation is going to be like. You've got to give a little flexibility to the Governor or the department to decide what they want to do with the money and the situation may come up and they need to do it for a certain purpose and if we get too restrictive they won't be able to do it and obviously people don't want to do that. But at the same time I'm very concerned. We've had other experiences in this regard. Many of you have come to the Legislature after we already have basically done away with the research and development authority but for those who recall that, it was a worthwhile experiment that we tried under Governor Kerrey to see if we can't help entrepreneurs to start up businesses and expand businesses and unfortunately it was administered poorly after its passage and we basically lost millions of dollars into that proposal. There's still I think some money, some millions of dollars still being invested and there's some effort to continue it, but in the end, evaluating that experience has me quite concerned about what sounds like a good idea and whether or not it actually performs the way it's being presented. And so this is one of those situations where it does sound like a good idea. It could be a wonderful initiative that will help us bring in a deal and a proposal that will be of great benefit to the state, not knowing what might be out there. On the other hand, there's not a whole lot of restrictions on this. It's basically go forth and do good and afterwards tell us what you did with it. Now that may or may not be enough for you. I'm still trying to decide for myself. I do appreciate that Senator Engel adopted the committee amendments and the other amendments. We do have a sunset on this after five years. We do only allow for funding for two years, we're talking \$6 million. We also have the reporting that's better, so the bill is much better than when it was introduced. So I'm still struggling I guess in my own mind