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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right, let's say you've got in your account \$500,000 or a billion dollars.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: You're just a little low, but okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. (laughter) Okay. A million dollars. And I come to you and I say, Senator Wehrbein, here's what I'd like you to do, I'd like you to make out 30 checks to cash and don't write in the amount and give them to me. Would you do that?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No, Senator Chambers, I'm sorry, I would not do that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why not?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Because.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you do it for Senator Hall?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No, I'm very cautious about that, so it has no reflection on anyone. No, I would not do that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well how is what we're doing here different from writing checks out to cash other than we restrict the amount to \$3 million this year and \$3 million next year? There is nothing to prevent what I said from happening. There is no restriction as to the amount that can be spent on any given project. Could the Governor give the whole \$3 million to one company that wanted to come to Nebraska if he or she chose to do so under this bill as written?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I would say that the way it's written that that could happen, although I do not believe that that's the intent. But it could happen by the way it is written, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if you happened to be trusting enough to write the check out to cash without writing in the amount, your intent would not be for me to write in the total amount of your account and cash it and take it all, would it?