

It was passed under the Kerrey administration and then administered by the Orr administration which obviously had no fondness for Governor Kerrey and had no particular ownership in this proposal and basically threw money at some projects and the money just got thrown away in my view. So here we are. And actually another analogy would be the Exxon overcharge money which Senator Chambers and others will remember as well which I was trying to get the information how much money we're talking about, but that was a substantial amount of money where again the money was there, we really didn't have much oversight and boy, I tell you, if you could account for where it went to and what benefit there was to the state, I'm not sure you could do it. So having seen in the past where we basically have a pot of money and we say go forth and do good, but we don't say what we want to accomplish, we don't know what we want to achieve. You can end up... Senator Warner talks about if you don't know where you're going, any road will get you there and I'm not sure that's where we're at with this bill. It's sort of like we'll see when it comes, we'll know it when we see it type response and so I'm not so sure. I tell you what would ease my concern, I think what Senator Bernard-Stevens and others are talking about would be to know basically where this is going. It doesn't even say this would go to primary industries. This could go to a K-Mart opening in Wherever, Nebraska. It doesn't have any sort of criteria. Okay, yes, the commission will establish it and that would be helpful and I assume that they would do a good job, but you know again, it's a trust me situation and we've done some trust me situations in the past and have been burned. So you have to have a little bit of response to that and think it through I think a little more carefully. So I guess a bracket, I don't know how Senator Engel feels about it, but I would recommend that you think about it carefully and maybe there's something we could work out, besides targeting where the money could go to. I do want to respond to Senator Chambers' comments on the sole authority. The committee amendment put in the sole, the sole, the sole into the bill. (Laugh.) The authority was already in there for the Governor but we made it sole authority and I'll tell you why. Because this is such a trust me situation that we thought that the Governor might end up with a situation where the department made the decision or the commission made the decision, so they would wash their hands of the decision and we wanted somebody directly responsible, that it clearly was the Governor that had...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.