

Otherwise, we had some...with the 275,000, you can imagine how there would be some questions on the Maximus program...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Right.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...with that relationship. Thank you. And I'll make that note. The next one would be on page 83. And on the Department of Water Resources, I'm at the funding for the Nebraska versus Wyoming lawsuit expenses, established at \$912,000. I don't want...I'm not going to put you on the spot because it would be improper to do so about where we are in the lawsuit, though I do know that the Appropriations Committee was...I'm sure was informed of that, it would be more for the Natural Resources Committee and Senator Beutler. But how...how are we as far as long-term putting dollars in and how much is Wyoming putting into it? And at what point do we...do we get where we don't have to be putting monies in? Or let me rephrase that question. A few years ago, we actually put in monies so that we would show Wyoming that we were serious and we were going to have all of these dollars here. Are we still at that stage? Or are we actually having the litigation costs at this point?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, we actually have the costs of litigation. The Special Master has narrowed the issue, as you may or may not know, we had a special meeting with Senator Beutler's committee, the Natural Resources Committee, early on, on this issue. It's supposed to go to trial probably in 1996. Up until now, Nebraska has been very successful in the litigation phase of this, or those points that have been litigated. We have put what we consider adequate funding as we go along. I can't tell you where it's going to go in the future. Certainly, it will be an issue. We also know that we're going to have the issue between Nebraska and Kansas on the Republican Valley issue. Where that will lead, I don't know. That is going to be part of the Natural Resources Committee study between now and next year and those connections. And so we have put in what we consider adequate money. Who knows if it's too much or too little.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Is it...is it necessary to actually say Nebraska versus Wyoming on the fund? Or would it be more reasonable, since we do have Kansas that will be lurking on the horizon as far as litigation potential, that we simply have \$912,000 in water...water litiga...in a water litigation fund?