

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, yes, in one form or another.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, that's...and I'm not going to quibble about how you're...what use you're going to make of it. You can assure us though that, first of all, this full 50 million dollars will be federal funds. Is that correct?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Don't sound like I'm going to argue with you. (Laugh)

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: (Laugh)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you've been persuaded, or the committee has been persuaded, that this federal money can be spent for purposes other...well, wait a minute. Let me back up another question. Am I to understand that the state spent 50 million dollars in General Fund money on programs for which federal money would be available and they're just getting the federal money back to cover that 50 million dollars in state funds that had been spent?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that what I'm to understand?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I...some of that will go back. I think they were going back to August or so of last year, maybe July of last year, but some of this is still in the future.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then the state will not be paying...will not be spending state money. It will be using federal money in the first instance, that money which comes in the future. Is that correct?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, we'll be...we will be paying future obligations or current and future obligations with the federal money that would come back through Maximus for those specific items, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is there any of that money tied to a specific federal program which has requirements stating how that money is to be spent...