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SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...and we would have the money to carry it out. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I was just going to speak about the...what Senator Witek talks about and I wish that we could do this as simply as she has laid it out. I'm not sure that it would work and I think Senator Kristensen and Senator Vrtiska have explained that. But when she talks about the disaster fund for floods and so on, oh, I think some of you know and realize that I think it's \$500,000 that's into the disaster fund that we keep that fund up, and there is a network of Civil Defense units across the state that are...and they are coordinated and...by the military. General Heng is the one who comes and asks for the money and tells us what is needed, what has been spent. I remember when the water went out at Crawford we had special meetings to be sure that we could figure out how to get the money to Crawford to get water back. And Senator Robak will understand what I'm saying because she works with FEMA when there are disasters where the Red Cross sends people to work with people that have claims. So there is a bureaucracy. That's my point. There is a bureaucracy in the Civil Defense network at work. The Governor doesn't just sit in his office and somebody comes in and says, well, we need \$250,000 because we had a flood out here at Plattsmouth, or somewhere, that's not the way it works. They have to go through...they have to fill out forms and the Governor is the only one who can ask the United States for a United...for money from the United States government for a disaster. The Governor has to ask for that. They don't call the Governor up and say, do you need money? So my whole point is that there is a Civil Defense network. There is a bureaucracy and a bureaucratic mechanism that handles those disaster funds. There is a little bit of a parallel but it's not quite the same and so I think you do need some kind of organization entity as Senator Kristensen is trying to work out, and maybe we won't have anymore really bad ones, but who knows, because we've had two really terrible ones in southeast Nebraska in the last ten years, two really bad ones, the murders I'm talking about, murder trials, along with two or three big ones here in Lincoln. And so my only point in