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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. Some of this will be comments, and some will maybe be a question from Senator Vrtiska if... Is this model legislation, or has this been another bill? Can I ask that? That will help me maybe a little in my understanding.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Is it model legislation?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, or is it from another...or is this a bill that's been introduced and it's had a hearing, or can I ask...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well this...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...the source of some of the language in here, because I have some of the same questions Senator Warner raised in a little more detail.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, we obviously had a hearing on it and many of the things, many questions were asked and answers provided at that time. I don't have the transcript with me of the hearing that was held in the Government Committee. But when you ask is it a model, a model...you mean from some other legislation?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, or...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Basically, part of it was taken from the already existing civil defense... And originally, this was a bill that we had in civil defenses legislation for civil defense, and the money would be in their funds and dispensed by them. There seemed to be some opposition from civil defense to mingle their monies that they already now have contro! of with another type of fund. And so they were not very anxious to do it. So with the Governor's guidance we decided to put it in the Risk Managers hands to do the...do the...you know, listen to the claim, and then either approve or deny it, based on the criteria that was set out.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay, thank you. I'm very, very much in sympathy with a county, such as Richardson County, and I want to make that clear at the onset. But I am concerned that this is