

course, a figure that basically was not...I guess I'd have to say was not generally for the purpose of any particular situation, except I think everybody on the floor, and I would be remiss if I didn't suggest it, that Richardson County being one of the counties that could possibly qualify for this particular bill, under this particular bill, has, in fact, incurred debts of over \$200,000 at the present time and would probably, undoubtedly, be one of the...I would certainly suggest that they would be one of the counties that would try to file a claim under this particular bill. So the \$200,000 in this situation seemed to fit the problem that they're having. There again, this could be for any county. And I guess the thing that...one of the things I'm pleased about that we do have a two year sunset so that this can't go on forever, and certainly we need to see how it works. So we've included the loan section in it simply because there may be cases where, depending on the amount of difficulty a county has, whether they would, in fact, be able to repay the loan without incurring more problems. So I guess that's...somewhat explains why the \$200,000.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay, what I was after, just maybe to express some intent and is the \$200,000 in a sense is only part of the total cost, in this case, to Richardson County, that they have incurred from natural disaster, in this case floods and so forth. And you would anticipate that I guess this amount is somewhat negotiable, both now and into the future. I don't know whether you would intend for future applicants to document money, whether the ultimate request will be kind of a ballpark, or will there be a basis for it based on actual damages? I mean \$200,000 appears to be somewhat rounded. I knew you had more expenses than that, but it's an attempt to provide some help, but not necessarily an absolute. Is that what you would...how you arrived at \$200,000?

SENATOR VRTISKA: That's right, Senator Wehrbein. That, obviously, comes nowhere near the amount of money that they have expended. In fact, they are at the present time incurring more debts. But we're looking at the fact that a certain amount of money being placed in a fund would not necessarily be the total amount that would be allocated to any certain county, depending on the criteria that's set out and approval...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.