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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. I will give you a minute to think. I was wondering, I see that it was General...after we get started, the 300,000 for start up and then it becomes the federal funds, but apparently there is no reason to repay the state General Funds, and I assume that that then will be used for ongoing operations?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay, Senator. First of all, you do have a fiscal note that says that there is going to be \$300,000. The A bill, that I just turned in, is for \$7,500.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's quite a difference.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes, sir, and it's a difference that I think for once matters. And now what...this is the way I think the process ought to work, Senator, and this is what is reflected in the A bill. The Department of Veterans Affairs may need a little bit of seed money to come up with plans, specifications, design, et cetera, for the facilities, but beyond that, but beyond that, it is a decision to be made by a later Legislature whether to appropriate the funds that are necessary to carry out those designs and those plans and to evaluate the flow of the federal dollars that can, indeed, come back and match the construction cost. Now federal dollars aren't available for ongoing operations. So there may be a variety of agreements that are necessary to fund the ongoing operations. I didn't want to ask this body or the Appropriations Committee to commit to something before you knew firmly what the construction costs were or were projected to be, and what the ongoing operation costs were going to be, and how those were going to be covered. So the bill is permissive. It says the Department of Veterans Affairs may establish the cemeteries, but whether or not they do is going to be an issue for the Appropriations Committee and whether to provide the funds for the initial construction and then to be satisfied that the ongoing operations are properly funded.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And that's two or three years hence?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Probably a year or maybe two because if they were able to have design specifications prepared and submit that to you next year, because it would be a new program, it