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recent update on this, Senator Raikes, but...

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay, well, the question I wanted to ask you is, are, along the lines of discussion that Senator Coordsen and I had this morning about \$10,000 that the state would...General Fund monies that would be contributed in cooperation with the corn checkoff and some other groups to study the drip oil issue, are...are these funds that the state is contributing being matched by industry funds?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: You know I don't honestly recall, Senator Raikes, whether we had match money in that original bill or not. I know it was the intent to and I know that there has been significant dollars come from federal. I know there's coming...significant dollars coming from the Nebraska beef checkoff going into this. Whether it was an even match, I can't recall, but I know there's quite a bit of outside money coming in besides ours.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay, and as far as you know, these funds are not contingent on matching funds. In other words, the General Fund money would be appropriated regardless of whether there was money coming from an industry group?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, as I recall, that's right.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: It was not...it was not contingent upon but it was suggested strongly that there would be and there has been.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. Well, we don't need to do it here but I would...I guess I would like to, again following the discussion Senator Coordsen and I had, I would suggest that as a principle that perhaps it's wise for the state to expect matching funds when this is an issue that...that certainly bears on the welfare of a particular industry. My preference would be that the funds would be allocated contingent upon a match, but, barring that, at least I would like any information you could present on...to the extent these...