

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office

May 3, 1999

LB 382

that chickadee portion of the bill that starts, I think, in Section 13, Section 11 or 13, yes, unlucky 13, we start in Section 13 with the chickadees, and to show that it's just a tack-on like an extra tail on the donkey to get money here, it doesn't even go through this board, because people who put this together know there's not going to be any money here. So they say, well, where can we make these people think they're going to get some money? Well, let's put it in the...who isn't doing very much? Let's take the Department of Economic Development, the DED, the dead department, and put it in the dead department because they ain't getting nothing anyway. And they say, well, what kind of procedures should we put in? It doesn't make any difference. We will give them (laugh), we'll give them about two and a half pages out of this bill and that's what we think of them. So all the rest of Nebraska lining up at the empty trough to be fed, and Omaha, if anything does result from this, gets it all. I want to ask Senator Raikes a question because he may be able to tell me how this payout is going to work.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Raikes, would you yield?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Raikes, at what point may one of these political subdivisions, if it qualifies, file an application for this scheme? At what point in their process, do they have to have turned a shovel full of earth before they can do this, or is there nothing in the bill that tells us anything in terms of a time frame?

SENATOR RAIKES: Senator, I think it would depend a little bit on the conditions, but I think the application could be made, it looks to me from the language, upon approval of a general obligation bond, for example.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if they don't get...now when they say the approval, does that mean that the political subdivision has to agree to seek such an issue by a vote of the people or they have to have had the vote and the vote has been successful for the bonds?

SENATOR RAIKES: Senator, I can't answer that question. I was