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SENATOR SMITH: I believe that would go back to the General Fund.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's why I don't understand what you were saying before. They don't need to have an extension granted by the Legislature to ensure that that money is not inappropriately spent. Isn't that true?

SENATOR SMITH: That would be true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Now, if this extension is not granted, they still have from now until July to wrap up whatever it is they are fumbling around with.

SENATOR SMITH: And they could probably do that. I would rather give them more time to arrive at a...at good decisions along the way.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you think that the Legislature is going to take what this commission presents to us and enact it into law. Is that what your belief is?

SENATOR SMITH: Not necessarily. I mean we certainly all act independently and I would hope that we'd take that information and make our own decisions.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you don't mind if I ask you a question or two now on the specifics of this? There was one that had to do with learning from...oh, this Roman numeral III, capital C provision--developing a model for restructuring/improving law enforcement based on the commission's experiences in Scotts Bluff and Dakota Counties which could be utilized statewide. What is that talking about? When they say a model, a model of what?

SENATOR SMITH: I...I speak of Scotts Bluff County because I am at least somewhat familiar with that project. That involves the collocation of law enforcement agencies in the county to avoid duplication of record keeping among the sheriff's department, City of Gering Police Department, City of Scottsbluff Police Department.