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proponents of this bill stand up and say that they will never ask for General Fund dollars to replace the lost federal dollars? Can anyone make that commitment? Can you make that commitment, Senator Crosby, or can someone else?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay, are you asking me to answer?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes, yes.

SENATOR CROSBY: No, I can't stand up and say that any agency in this state or any other state would never come to their legislature and ask for General Funds to be re...or federal funds to be replaced by General Funds. But I will say this, at the moment and in the very near future, as this organization is being put together, I have it on good authority that they are not looking for expansion. What they are looking for is independence so they might control and...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...and...have their...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Crosby, can I...

SENATOR CROSBY: ...so I...so I can't say that they won't ask, but at the moment and in the near future I'm...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Sen...Sen...

SENATOR CROSBY: ...I would be assured they would not.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Crosby, can I ask you another question?

SENATOR CROSBY: All right.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Would it be, would it be...would you consider it to be appropriate for them to come to the Legislature and seek replacement for federal dollars, if the opportunities in this memo do not come out? Would it be