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it up, all of the good things that have been done, are suddenly ended, and without as good an explanation as I think could have been. I am supporting Senator Connealy's amendment. I think that the workforce safety inspectors and the program have done good work. And even the people that they have inspected have said that that is the case. Thank you.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Vrtiska, followed by Senators Landis, Wehrbein, and Connealy. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I do have some problems that I think need to be answered. And maybe Senator Connealy can help me. First of all, when this program was started, there was a fee charged to every inspection. It was the same amount. Is that correct? Seven hundred and fifty dollars for every inspection that was made?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, from...after the initial part of the program was set up, that there was a tax on insurance. But yes, they did set up fees also. Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: And we were told at the time that the thing...the structure was changed, that there would continue to be enough money, and it appeared that there would be, and there was no...appeared to be no problem, until all of a sudden...we did make a change in the fee structure based on the fact there was a number of complaints about some of the businesses that were being charged \$750 for a one- or two-hour inspection, and the same fee was charged if there was a two-day inspection. So there was a number of complaints. And we had some meetings with some of the participants, and talked about this, and so they decided to make a fee change. When that fee change was made, we were assured with the change that there would continue to be a program. We found out then as we moved along that all of a sudden there was no more money. When there was no more money, my question was, and still remains today, why? Well, is it bad management? Probably. There's a possibility. When they were told there was enough money and all of a sudden there isn't, you wonder, where did the money go, and why was it not able to