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first three years, generated quite a bit of money, more than they spent, so then they worked off the interest. They believed that it was a fund that was going to be sustainable. Fees would augment that and be able to operate over time with that.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And now the money has run out.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Now...we had a lot of complaints over time on fees, so we lowered those fees. And fees were held down to make sure that they were palatable. And so because of that, we've run out of money.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Is there a...I missed some of your introduction, and that's why I'm ask...maybe you've answered. Is there an ongoing assessment now?

SENATOR CONNEALY: No, there's not.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: At all?

SENATOR CONNEALY: No.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And so this is going to be, really, Nebraska's version of an OSHA. Is that accurate?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Nebraska's...I'm sorry, I didn't hear.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Would this be Nebraska's version of an OSHA?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Well, we are different in Nebraska. This program is in place, and this program is not fine-driven. OSHA is...comes in, inspects, and fines you. What this program does is comes in, inspects you, and tells you how to get better. It does not do any of that. So it is a safety inspection, but not a...not the same structure, not the same penalties, things like that.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And in theory, it would drive down workmen's comp rates, or at least hold...?

SENATOR CONNEALY: And has been promoted by the Department of