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SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I'm realistically in total support of trying to add value to our number one industry in the state of Nebraska, which is agriculture, but I do have some concerns, you know, with this. I share the concerns that Senator Pederson had with the \$1 million in it. In looking at the information that we have before us this morning, the amount of dollars that have been spent, with about a quarter million dollars on this one blue sheet, I am really troubled and probably a little bit disgusted at the one, the amount of money that was spent out of that fund, the \$75,000 award, which is not in operation anymore. And I always have a problem with trying to, you know, start a feasibility study, looking at it and try to start something up. In some areas, it works out real well; in others, it doesn't work. I think we really have to look at, you know, what do we have in Nebraska and what are we trying to get with this million dollars? You know, is this million dollars going to be totally used, you know? I think if it was used for the right direction, it would benefit the state a lot. I think a lot of these smaller grants that were listed here by the 20...10, 20, 30 thousand dollars, and those operations are still going, you know, they are going to expand in the future. It was more or less a jump-start to get those going and they're going to amount to something and they're going to be beneficial in time to come, just because we have given them a little bit of a shot in the arm to get going. But when we get some of the larger amounts, the requests, and they don't turn out, it's very, very troubling to me, you know. Are we as taxpayers, you know, having to support something that's an idea, a pie in the sky, that's never going to amount to anything? That really concerns me. I would like to engage in a little conversation with Senator Stuhr, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Stuhr, would you respond to a question from Senator Stuthman?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

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