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arise. If we put the \$100,000 in there, we will see how it spent and what it is spent for. We do not put restrictions on how the money is spent, and we should not try to itemize with a laundry list where each dollar should go. One thing that was discovered when I offered this amendment is that the amount ought not come out of the Cash Fund, as is the case in the budget, but it should come from the General Fund. correction is going to have to be made whether you up the amount to \$100,000 or not. Why would I do this? If \$70,000 was the amount used before, that doesn't mean that four years down the road you can get the same whatever it was you got for the same There are different tastes and different everythings price. when you have a new Governor. Sometimes an incumbent Governor who may be reelected will have different expenses or the cost of the same things that were provided four years before will have increased. We don't have to be cheap here. I don't believe anybody is going to applaud us because we failed to give this \$30,000 additional dollars for the purpose of this transition. I would like to ask Senator Don Pederson a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Pederson, would you yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Pederson, because of the uniqueness of the present state of affairs in Nebraska, when you said this is the amount that the Governor asked for, would you identify by name which Governor that was?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Well, it's hard for me to know exactly which Governor it was because this was during the transition and they were preparing the budget together, which would be Governor Johanns and Lieutenant Governor Heineman at that time. But I don't know exactly who put the finishing touches on that, but that's the way it was presented to us, as a dual effort of both of them.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But at that time, Governor Johanns was still in office.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. Maybe Senator Heineman... I meant