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expense item. There are other means by which the transition takes place, but we're talking about specific transition funds. And it isn't as involved as might appear; and, of course, you couldn't do very much with \$70,000 or \$100,000 these days anyway. But we were trying to prepare for you, for your consideration, what both...I'm informed now that this was perhaps prepared under Governor Johanns, but that now Governor Heineman concurs that this is an adequate amount of money for this purpose. So it's always hard when someone says I need \$70,000 to say, well, okay, you probably need more than that. And so if give them more money, I think it's a question as to why you're doing that because we do have the alternative, as I mentioned earlier, in the event that for some unforeseen circumstances the actual cost did exceed this, there could be a request for a deficit appropriation. And I would think that that's a better approach to take in this regard. That's the approach that we did take. So with that, I would urge that we keep with the budget proposal. And we just spent a half a million dollars on one project, and now here I'm fighting with Senator Chambers over \$30,000, but it's a question of superimposing our judgment over the judgment of the people who have been through this process and believe that that's the necessary amount for this purpose. So thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion, Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. In looking at what Senator Chambers is proposing to do, the amount of \$70,000 which is allocated there now, I have a problem with knowing where this money goes. What is it expended for? Senator Chambers, you want to raise that \$30,000. Maybe you could answer a few questions for me.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, would you respond?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'll give it my best shot, Mr. President, and Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right. Senator Chambers, what...you've been here a long time. What would these dollars be spent on?