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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Engel, your light is next.

SENATOR ENGEL: I...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: You waive that? Okay. Senator Beutler, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Schimek, members of the Legislature, Senator Engel, some questions, if I may. And let me preface my remarks by saying I'm somewhat concerned about the process here. This proposal is not a part of the appropriations package and I'm wondering why it's being placed into the appropriations package at this particular point in time. I think it's a subject that's worthy of at least a couple of rounds of debate, and I'm a little bit bothered by the fact that it's being put on, on Select File, and we're talking about \$15 million. Let me ask you this. It's \$15 million for job training that goes along with the rest of the business incentives, and it's important and critical to all of that, and yet it's being taken out of the Cash Reserve Fund and treated as a two-year program?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Engel, would you respond?

SENATOR ENGEL: The reason it's taken out of the Cash Reserve Fund is because the monies will be there. And I'll have Senator Pederson expand on this, but the money will be there. If the companies want to come into Nebraska and say we need...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Did your bill, Senator, take it out of the Cash Reserve Fund?

SENATOR ENGEL: No, it would have been a General Fund appropriation.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And it would have been an ongoing appropriation as part of...

SENATOR ENGEL: It'd have been ongoing, right.