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have been convinced that this is a good idea. And I sort of see this as, we're in a position right now where we have the...some money available, we can add a little bit to something that we've been doing, but obviously not sufficiently, because there's been more demand than there's been available money, we can add to it, and see if it is effective in getting businesses to take a second look at Nebraska, or to expand. I think it's going to be pretty easily...it's going to be easy for us to look at the results and see whether it's been used, who it's been used by, whether it's the kind of jobs that we think that we want. And so we're going to be able to analyze it at the end of two years, and see if it justifies continuing to put the extra money that we're doing on a one-time basis right now. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Don Pederson, you're recognized to speak.

D. PEDERSON: SENATOR Madam President, members of the Legislature, the fact that we're using or purporting to use Cash Funds in this is probably my fault, if it's a fault. think it was a fault. I think the original proposal that Senator Engel had was to use General Funds, and to tie them up this time. My concern was that if we...it's going to take a period of time. If we're going to get into LB 312 and it's to be very successful, you're not going to have immediately a bunch of companies that are going to come to Nebraska and say, now we want to employ a bunch of people here; we need training immediately. It's going to be over a period of This gives us an opportunity to see how successful this is. And if we find that it is as successful as we hope, effort then number one, we didn't need to tie the money up from our General Funds for a period of time that it's not being utilized. Secondly, we did not need a legislative bill to do this. We already had a proposal, we already have a statute, that provides for this identical thing. So why are we going to have a new law to invest in something we've already got a law to do? And this law is called the job training law in Nebraska. Begins--you probably have there in front of you now, Beutler--81-1202 to 81-1210. It's a rather extensive law. We've had this on the books. We just haven't been utilizing it very well, because we haven't put any money into it. In 2003,