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projects submitted by Nebraska employers. Finally, it says the institute shall reimburse the postsecondary technical school, community colleges, educational institution, and Nebraska employers for all or part of the cost of the program. It seems to me, from this language, that something very different is envisioned by the original LB 716, and I think it would at least be interesting to hear an explanation of why the concept has changed and we don't need a new concept and we're switching over suddenly and putting the money into an existing program. Another difficult part of this for me is the fact that we seem to acknowledge that, with regard to the new economic incentive programs, that it will take awhile to gear up and to get going. Yet, with this respect to this program, we need all of this money in there right away to satisfy the need. It would be interesting to hear a further explanation of that matter also. But in any event, I wanted to acquaint you with what was in the original....

SENATOR JANSSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...LB 716 and the very different emphasis in that bill on working through the community colleges and private colleges and existing...and existing technical schools. So perhaps we should hear more about the parameters, if any, on some of the job training, the customized job training that's anticipated in this instance. What is there in the law that's going to keep it from being the kind of thing that Senator Raikes suggested? I think these are all legitimate questions. Thank you.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Just have a question for Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Yes, Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: This was your bill, it was made a priority bill, and you withdrew it? Or what did you...how come...how come we're not hearing this as a priority...