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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Connealy, would you yield?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, I would.

SENATOR MINES: Yeah, thank you. Senator, I think I was asleep at the switch as this came through, so I do have some questions that I need cleared up, if you don't mind. Endow Nebraska will be administered by the Department of Revenue; funded by, for one year, funded by this body or funded by taxpayer dollars; and then after that how might that group be funded, assuming that we decide it's a good idea and it continues?

SENATOR CONNEALY: In particular, and that really fits with this amendment, that group will go away. The fund to promote it and to administer that promotion is the commission that Senator Chambers is dealing with in this amendment. That's a one-year commission and it's a one-year funding. There will be an ongoing cost with the Department of Revenue with the...just the administration of the program; it will be a lot lower. First of all, they have to do about a \$50,000 computer run...

SENATOR MINES: Yeah.

SENATOR CONNEALY: ...to change, and then there's an ongoing administrative cost and we'll have those costs within the Department of Revenue, going forward. So this is an up-front \$250,000 to promote the program and to run that commission, six members appointed by the Governor, and then it goes away.

SENATOR MINES: Okay. And I understand the credits that...I think that's really the unique thing about what you're doing here, is the credits to individuals and corporations. I'm curious, could you do the same thing through an existing facilitator like the Nebraska Community Foundation, as opposed to setting up a whole new commission? And once this thing gets off the ground, you're not necessarily dealing with taxpayer dollars at that point. I mean, was that part of the thought process?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, I...we believe that promotion of the