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from other programs in the Department of Agriculture and switch them over to this use. So I think...it would seem to me some further refinement in this area might be appropriate, and I would just ask you one question for now, if you know. With respect to the fee per animal livestock fee identified in Section 54-2627 as being a fee that the department shall assess, have they, in fact, ever assessed that fee, would be my one simple question?

SENATOR KREMER: Okay, yes...

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would yield to Senator Kremer.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kremer, would you yield?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes, I will. I'd be glad to answer that. The program never did get up or anything. The \$54,000 originally was really seed money to get it started. After that, there was going to be a fee assessed to the packers, I believe,...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Right.

SENATOR KREMER: ...that was going to go into the cash fund, so I think the intention was that the first money was seed money to get the program going. Now I wasn't here when the bill was passed. I wasn't on the...the introducer of the bill, but I think that's correct, and I think this...we're intending this to work the same way that the appropriations...for the Appropriations Committee, would be money to get it up and going. Then it would be transferred over to a cash fund.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so...

SENATOR KREMER: If that's wrong, I will try to work with you or anything like that. So thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Sure. But the intent is, after perhaps an initial infusion of General Funds, it would be entirely...it would operate entirely on cash funds?

SENATOR KREMER: That's what I understand would be the goal.