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effort with that. After evaluating the projects that are currently pending in the state of Nebraska, it was determined that our request to go to \$18.5 million should have went to \$26.5 million. But it was too late, the budget was printed, so that, hence, brings us. This cap does not increase the budgetary allocation of funding to this fund, which is currently at about \$3.5 million. It does, however, commit this funding further into the future. Let me give you a quick example. Sand Creek project needs the NRDF approval to obtain federal funds appropriated it through the WRDA federal legislation. The Nebraska Department of Roads is waiting for this project to go in at Wahoo to allow them to finish the Highway 77 expressway that they have been sitting and waiting for years. We have currently gotten some federal funding approved for this project, but we can't receive our federal funding until we get the cap raised, which then would allow the fund to approve this project, as well as others in the state. I just use this one as an example for the future to approve these funds. And with that, I am going to ask the body for their support. And if there's any questions, I'd be more than happy to yield to those.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Don Pederson, on the Langemeier amendment.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Langemeier has put this in a straightforward fashion. This is not necessarily something that has to be done at this time. The concern that I have is that the cap has been \$13,500,000. At the request of the Lower Platte, which basically is talking about Lake Wanhoo, came to the department and requested that the cap be raised to \$18,500,000. And at the request of the department, we raised that cap to \$18,500,000. And subsequently, the department decided that they could maybe raise that again this year to \$26,500,000. Now, what's the effect of all of this? The effect of all of this is that there are projects that are pending before the federal group, and the feds make a determination as to funding based upon a state's recognition of the fact that they are willing to commit monies to certain projects. And we felt that we had done quite well in increasing it from \$13.5 million to \$18.5 million. And now with a request to raise it to \$26.5 million, and I'm talking about