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but I think some way the Legislature needs to be more understanding, if not involved, in this process of homeland security. And to make my point, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask Senator Pederson another question and I'd like to ask Senator Baker, if he's around, I hope he'll show up.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Pederson, in today's paper there's a section here, and I want to be careful here, I'm not necessarily criticizing anyone in this situation, include present homeland security and everything else, but there was \$79 million spent. And I'd venture to say no one knows how that money was really spent. In here there are some reports, but there's no details and certainly not an educational process. But this one today, if I'm going to read some of it out of the paper: Nebraska Department of Agriculture has hired its first homeland security veterinarian a Tuesday announcement said. And it goes on to say it's Janice Mogan, and her annual salary will be \$57,000, will be paid through a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant. And it goes on to say about her qualifications, which sound well. Does your committee have any knowledge of this particular funding that came from the homeland funding?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: This morning is the first I've ever heard of this.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. And that's my understanding that there is...this was done and the odds are very high, in my opinion and others', that in about three to four years this well may be a General Fund obligation, which is fine. But there's no knowledge of that in here. This didn't even come through the, call it the regular appropriations process. And I just think there needs to be at least some understanding. Now maybe creating this Homeland Security Office is not the way to do it, but somehow there has to be an awareness of what's going on and what's going to be obligated. And here normally coming through the proper process they have to seek federal approval of these funds and the homeland security apparently doesn't. There are