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SENATOR D. PEDERSON: That's true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you were willing to establish an unwise precedent at the request of the sheriffs to pick up a program which was no longer funded by the federal government in this instance, weren't you?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: There was so much concern among the peace officers at the loss of the program and considering the effect of the methamphetamine program that the administration had figured out a manner in which there could be some funding without General Funds. They would take some building funds and some things of that nature.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: May I take that to be a yes?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That you agree that public funds would be used to pick up funding for a federal program, a federally created program which was no longer to be funded by the federal government? You brought a motion to use public funds to pick up funding for that program, isn't that true?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: It's my understanding that the federal government did put in some additional monies into the program after we talked about it or after the committee talked about it. And the proposal came up to use some excess building funds, some refund from insurance proceeds in order to make part of the funding available to what was requested.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let me see if I can be clearer, because I don't think I'm expressing my question well. The funds that you mention, are they federal...are they state or public monies, whether they come from the building fund or these other areas that you mentioned?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes, they were money under the state control. They were not, per se, General Funds.