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SENATOR SCHMIT: There are no funds at the present time in the bill. That would be up to the Appropriations Committee if they chose to add any funds, but at the present time, Senator Haberman, there are no funds in the bill.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you. Does this bill hinge upon the three "ifs", one of them being the three million from the private industry, five colleges being involved and federal funds? Does all three of them have to come about before this becomes a reality?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, we weren't going to talk about that private money at the present time, Senator Haberman, unless we had to sweeten the pot. Then I thought maybe if, you know, Senator Koch wanted to go along with all the other construction projects in this same percentage we would do that. The same way with the various schools, we require in this bill that at least two other schools participate but not the entire five.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Okay, that was one of my questions, we are now down to three schools, correct?

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is correct, yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Does this have to come back to the Legislature or if we pass this bill, is it final?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Nothing is ever final until this Legislature appropriates the money, Senator Haberman, and I think that is the principal checkrein that this Legislature has upon the entire program, the appropriation of the funds.

SENATOR HABERMAN: The reason I asked my question, the University of Wyoming passed a bill but no final agreement is binding unless approved by the Legislature. We are not going at it this way, are we? I guess what I am trying to say is they don't have to come back to this body for final approval, is that correct?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, they do, Senator Haberman because this allows the Board of Regents to enter into agreements for the construction but the funding of that project still has to come back and be approved by this body. Without that approval, there can be no construction.

SENATOR HABERMAN: All right, so see if I have this correct now. There is no funds in this bill.