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share when we get to the appropriations bills or the A bill attached to this and if we fund the \$2,000,000 we have funded one third and then next year there will be an appropriations bill and at that time we will again discuss whether or not we can afford to pay one third of the cost. It moves the debate...it allows flexibility for the Legislature in appropriations. I think that is the best way to express it and we will decide the funding, the percent that we provide when we decide the dollar amount that is available.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Starting next year.

SENATOR FOWLER: Well I think this bill Senator Schmit made, it seems to me, I think this bill was brought in this for this year's program.

SENATOR HABERMAN: So what you are saying, in other words, is that what you are saying then, your amendment is basically the same as all the rest of the amendments. You can cut out the share of the state. In other words you can raise the share that the farmer or rancher has to pay if we adopt your amendment? You're coming at the same thing as Burrows and the rest of them did only you're coming at it in a different way, because as I understand it there is \$5,000,000 or so to play with on the floor?

SENATOR FOWLER: I don't know if "play with" is exactly the right term.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well for the senators to decide what they want to do with, right?

SENATOR FOWLER: Right.

SENATOR HABERMAN: So what you are doing in essence, is you are doing the same thing as Senator Burrows and the rest of them doing, you are trying to defeat 918 where it is a third and a third and a third?

SENATOR FOWLER: Senator Haberman, I am trying to reserve for this Legislature, the right to decide the final level of appropriation for this year, for next year and all subsequent years of this program and we may provide enough money to provide a third but if money gets tight, as I have often heard discussion about in future years this would enable to reduce our share.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Okay, you have now answered my question. I would just as soon we vote today on the third, third and a third, then not have to go through this hassle and fight

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