

SENATOR WESELY: That's right.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well then, where...why do we...are we appropriating \$200,000 of state funds?

SENATOR WESELY: No, that's a separate issue. This sets up...let me explain it a little bit. Can I just take one minute? I will explain how this all came about. We set up the program in '81 and we set the statutes and the program, how it would work, and everything was in place and then the funding was to come in the budget. The budget, that funding was deleted by Governor Thone and then it was deleted the first year by Governor Kerrey. So the program was there and in place but we didn't have the funding to implement it. So for two years we went without that. Now the last year federal funds were made available and shifted over because this is a saving, as Senator Sieck and Senator Schmit said, this does save money in providing the services, so Gina Dunning did shift some money to fund the program at the tune of \$100,000. Now there is a request to use general fund money and I don't know exactly all that is involved but I, frankly, from the beginning thought the state ought to fund the program. We were just very thankful that we were able to provide for some federal funding. This ought to be a state funded program but right now it is only federally funded and that will all be resolved by the Appropriations Committee as to how they want to fund it in the future. That is a separate issue, I think. You can debate that when the budget bill comes up.

SENATOR HABERMAN: No, I don't want to debate it when the budget bill comes up. I just want an answer to a question. Are we going to put \$200,000 of state funds into this program?

SENATOR WESELY: I don't know.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Warner, may I ask you a question, please.

SENATOR WARNER: You are asking me that question?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Warner...

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.