

SENATOR HABERMAN: ...to have this program go into effect in the State of Nebraska, are we going to have to include in the budget \$200,000 of state funds?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, Senator Haberman, the...I can't answer yes or no because there isn't a yes or no right at this moment. What I did state was that there is a part of the budget request from the Department of Social Services for \$200,000 of general fund money this year. It is also accurate to state that funding currently for the portion that they have done this year is from federal funds Title 20 money. It is also accurate to say if you use part of the federal money for one program, you do not have it available for some other activity. So all I was suggesting to Senator Wesely is that the bill should not be passed, which puts the program permanently in place until the budget effect is resolved both in the committee as well as on the floor of the Legislature. And there is, you know, if the bill...as long as the bill is...even if the bill was passed, there is not a commitment that you have to fund it, but obviously if it is permanently on the books, the issue would always be up, and I am just saying that we should resolve that issue of funding before the bill is acted on finally.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Has the Department made the request for the \$200,000 previously?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, the original bill and even when it was passed had it runs in my mind two hundred and...or a hundred and eighty-seven thousand, two hundred thousand. There was a general fund request for the bill when it was originally enacted in '81 which as pointed out was subsequently vetoed. It has been supported by what...the concept has been supported by two administrations but not implemented until this year and on a very limited basis. The original bill was enacted with a sunset in order to provide a review of the program before it would be put in permanently...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Half a minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...and we are in the process right now of doing that review.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Okay, thank you. I have another question