

the speakers. Thank you, Senators.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Lynch, would you explain where you arrived at the figure of \$600,000, how you came with that figure, and how you could get that from the budget without harming the programs that were already out there?

SENATOR LYNCH: Well, that is really two questions without (inaudible). Probably the one to ask is Senator Nelson. It is my understanding though that the intent language in 280 originally, if I can find it, provided about this kind of money from the funds that they negotiated for with the Nebraska Beer and Liquor Dealers Association. So the totals came from the original 280, and as far as (interruption).

SENATOR SMITH: The 600,000.

SENATOR LYNCH: The 600,000, yes, ma'am, and the 500,000 a piece in federal funds in addition to that \$300,000, 500,000 going to mental health and 500,000 going to alcohol and drug programs is existing federal money in hand that can be matched with these kinds of programs, has not been used and should be used at this present time.

SENATOR SMITH: Now you are saying that you feel that the Department of Public Institutions has available funds that could be used, has not been used.

SENATOR LYNCH: I understand they have had funds for the last year or two or maybe even three that could be matched and have yet to be matched.

SENATOR SMITH: That have not been used.

SENATOR LYNCH: Right.

SENATOR SMITH: So that you feel there is...the funds are there at this point in time, would not be taking from any program to utilize the funds that are existing.

SENATOR LYNCH: The federal funds as I understand it, there is some question I would be the first to admit about how many federal funds really exist out there. I understood it was supposed to be a million dollars but I can't find it and I did spend a lot of time last night reviewing the appropriations budget. The information I have did not