

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker...Mr. President, may I ask Senator Lynch, first of all, may I say that I certainly appreciate all the help and all the support that I can get, and as many of you know, I felt very bad about the way that this alcohol tax bill has turned out. But I hope that we have only planted the seeds and opened the door and I know I, for one, am still in there fighting and I will continue to be in there fighting. Might I ask of Senator Lynch, is this in addition over and above the 500,000 that the Governor promised me that would become available from the federal grant?

SENATOR LYNCH: No, it didn't...

SENATOR NELSON: Or is this setting it in concrete that it will be there and not...

SENATOR LYNCH: No. Well, Senator, as far as the 500,000 is concerned for each program as contained in the amendment, that is sort of pie-in-the-sky type of stuff. It is there and it isn't there. It is only there if it is matched. We are not quite sure how much is there and so this \$300,000 would be money hopefully appropriated every year for these particular programs. Over the next four years they are going to raise almost \$13 million. Over the next four years we are asking for \$2.4 million to return to these two programs. The 500,000 is federal money. If it were part of the program this year, there would be no guarantee that there would be federal funds or match money for that next year. So it really does not resolve the problem to even consider the federal funds as a solution to either the immediate or the long term maintenance of these programs.

SENATOR NELSON: In other words, this sets it in concrete. I guess that you would say that this...and you are actually cutting it. You are asking for 300,000 for each program or it would be 600,000.

SENATOR LYNCH: No.

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SENATOR LYNCH: Well, I will try to do a better job answering the question. I apologize, Senator Nelson. We asked for something in concrete, I guess, long-term ongoing committed funds for these two very worthy programs. They