

the fee, or equal to the fee I would be a little nervous. If, on the other hand, the General Fund would be at whatever level and the fee will be half of the total appropriation, even though more funds are raised, that probably is livable. Do you know which way it is intended to function?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Senator Warner, I'm not specifically sure I can answer your question, although I do know the department is trying to work with this Seedsman Association to match on a 50-50 basis. Which avenue you are looking at, I think it is the latter of your question. But I'll be honest with you, I can't give you a specific answer at this point, but I'll certainly look into it. I would assume it was the latter part of your question that it is based on the appropriation and then the match.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, if the public policy is that half of the cost is reasonable with General Fund because it assists the public generally, conceptually I have no problem with that. But I would have a concern if the cash funds...it's derived from the General Fund appropriation rather than the other way around.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: That certainly is not my intent, Senator. I would agree with you. The best public policy, of course, would be as you have explained. In this particular case I am assuming that the funds that are generated are there to try and offset probably some budget restraints and to work out a fee structure that is acceptable to the persons who may be involved in this particular kind of transactions.

SENATOR WARNER: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON PRESIDING

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I want to wave a red flag in front of you. Here we are creating another situation that I don't think we need in Nebraska at all. This bill was proposed by, as I understand it, a single seed company who has been paying considerable fees to the seed division of the government of Nebraska, whatever it is. And they would like to have the rest of the seed companies pay for it. The edible bean seeds are bought