

had not requested it. No agency requested it specifically. The Appropriations Committee did not put it in its preliminary budget. Then at the hearing of the R & D Authority nor of the Governor's budget, no one came in and asked for the money. I mean, no one ever came in and asked for the money, and, historically, if you want a request included in the Appropriations Committee's recommendation, if it is \$10,000 or 10 million, it would help if somebody come and ask for it. And so we...not that we purposely tried to leave this one out, it is just the way the process works, nobody actually requested it. Senator Ashford was certain aware of the good deeds this program is doing, and at a late time, actually, even though it wasn't formally requested, we, the committee did include and the Legislature thus far has already approved putting an additional \$500,000 in, which is over and above the million dollars that was appropriated last year. Now it is one of those things that, yes, the Governor, we did back down the R & D Authority number earlier today, actually that was, historically, it has been at a \$2 million level. We have backed that down to a 1,480,000 and I think Senator Wesely tried to attack that this morning, too, and that did not...so that still stays there. You know, presently in the recommendation, we already have included \$500,000 in additional money for this program because, indeed, it was recognized that how worthwhile the program was, Senator Chambers. I guess I did not know you were on the board of directors. So, in spite of you, it is still doing well, Senator Chambers, but, nevertheless, at this stage of the process, as we all well are aware of, you know, Senator Chambers has a request for a half a million dollars. Is that for just one year or both years? Doing, well, I mean, which is far superior to asking for \$500,000 both years, which would be a million dollars, obviously, my concerns. It is \$500,000, and anything you put in at this juncture has to come out somewhere, and so just be aware that is, indeed, a good program. There is some concern, and I feel better now than I guess I did, I didn't know Senator Chambers was on the board of directors, but I know Senator Schmit usually stands at this microphone and verbalizes concerns about lack of oversight. There is arguably not a great deal of oversight from the Legislature or state government on these monies being spent, I am not arguing they are not being spent well, but it is one of those things that particularly just to appropriate the million dollars when we originally talked about it, when we were having a little or no information about it, it was hard to justify doing that. A half million dollars is in, and if the body chooses to go another half a million dollars at