

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...that the restrictions in place don't perhaps tie our hands in the future pending some unforeseen need for resources in the job training area, and I will accept your judgment at this point and try and review it later. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, I have a question for Senator Coordsen. I guess my concern is the same as Senator Wesely's. Now this money cannot be spent unless the Governor says we can spend it, right? Then he sends it to the Appropriations Committee.

SENATOR COORDSEN: With respect to the monies appropriated to the Department of Labor.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay.

SENATOR COORDSEN: With respect to the monies appropriated by the Department of Labor, has to be approved by the Governor, and approved by the Appropriations Committee.

SENATOR ROBINSON: What can this money be spent for other than the money that the community colleges use, is there...can the Department of Labor use it at their will or whim?

SENATOR COORDSEN: The Department of Labor uses this money for department related activities. They have used it for upgrading their computer system. They have used it for office furniture. They have used it for lease-purchases, I am talking historically, not perhaps of recent origin. I have a list someplace in a pile of paper of some of the things that they have used it for, and I really don't find any fault with what the Department of Labor has used it for. It is money that might otherwise be...it is necessary expenditures that would have to be funded through the General Fund were they not funded through the use of contingency fund. It's been a practice in Nebraska for as long as the fund has been around to use limited amounts of those monies.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Is there any oversight on what they spend it on or how much they spend or any...?