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school, so this did not draw them to Nebraska. The fish must already be in the boat. Since Senator Thompson brought up an example from the realm of angling, fishing, I will try to use such an analogy. When a fish is in the water and you're on the bank or in the boat and you want to catch the fish, you put a hook on the end of the line and you put bait on the hook. Then you throw it in the water. How much sense does it make if you've got a fish in the boat. Now you're going to bait the hook and throw it in the water. The fish you want is already in the boat. You don't need to bait the hook to catch the fish that's in the boat. These people already are in Nebraska. They are going to school in Nebraska. And if this money is appropriated as this bill envisions, the budget bill I'm talking about, we're spending money where we don't have to. We are sending good money after bad. Talk about failing to see the logic, in the words of "Senator Pandora" when she could not understand my amendment, I do not understand her position of saying that when the fish is in the boat we ought to put a baited hook there for the fish. That makes no sense to me. The logic, "Pandora" escapes me, and I think Senator Thompson is the one dealing in red herrings around here today. There is no money in this program now. I'd like to ask her a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Thompson, will you yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Thompson, do you think, and you may not know, do you think the Governor is going to agree to let this money stay in the budget?

SENATOR THOMPSON: The Governor proposed one year of funding in his budget, so I...I haven't discussed this with him but that was his indication prior to the session (inaudible).

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, if he proposed one year, how would you and he be at odds?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Well, if he...the Appropriations Committee put the money in starting this next year, immediately, so the difference between the Governor's position and my position would be funding it starting this year or funding it starting next year.