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conformity with the reality that we're creating here today. You would still see the money, the \$6 million, drawn down from this fund and put into the General Fund. That will not be touched by my amendment. To give another way of saying it, if I have a bag of jellybeans and there is a little note that says, these jellybeans may only be fed to the alligator, and I see a cute little gecko and I want to give the gecko a jellybean, I cannot. But maybe I'll just violate what that note says and give one to the gecko anyway. Somebody else would say, well, since it's your bag of jellybeans, you can do with what you want to, why don't you just get rid of that note saying they go only to the alligator? Then you can give them to whomever you please. I say, well, that's a good idea, I hadn't thought of it. Then if I give a jellybean to the gecko, if I give one to the iguana, to the chameleon or any other little reptile or amphibian or even an occasional little mammal, then I can do that without breaking faith. If we remove the word "only" from this law as it exists now, we're simply putting the Legislature in a position to take money from this fund for other purposes if the Legislature feels there's an excess amount and there is some contingency which is pressing enough...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to justify taking money from the fund. If you leave the word "only" then, when you take money from the fund, you are violating the standard that you've established by keeping the word "only" there. I'd like to ask Senator Wehrbein a question.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator, would you respond?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, does what I say...did what I say make it clearer the limited scope of my amendment?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, it does, and I have my line...my light punched because I'd like...I don't...I admit I didn't understand it when you say "strike all provisions", I don't know what "all provisions" mean when you strike the whole section.