

SENATOR BAACK: Well, they came down through the federal relocation assistance laws were changed in 1987. And that's...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Do they contribute to this or this is "thou shalt" with no purse, with no dollars attached?

SENATOR BAACK: Well, the dollars attached are the ones that we receive for dealing with relocation assistance on federal projects.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay...

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SENATOR PIRSCH: ...on the federal projects we receive dollars...

SENATOR BAACK: Right.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...and if we do not change our statutes, at least in the federal and, of course, then there is a question of treating different people differently.

SENATOR BAACK: Right.

SENATOR PIRSCH: So all of those mandates then are because we need that participation of federal dollars for federal relocations.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes. Just the Department of Roads estimates that they alone would lose about 25 million in federally mandated funds. And we did make them provide documentation to say that that is actually the case. I know we hear that a lot and we hear...people are coming in and say, well, the feds say you have to do this. I am one who says, okay, you have to prove that to me first.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Uh-huh.

SENATOR BAACK: And we did make them specifically show...some people from the Federal Highway Administration came in and showed us that we do have to do this and it has to be in place by the 2nd of April of this year.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, thank you.