

well aware of it, you better start enforcing it, and don't come to us with a weak argument that, oh, it was too late to follow the law, we couldn't do that, we'd already started the ball rolling on this process, and really we didn't know what you meant, or what would happen. That does not hold any water, folks. We are setting a good policy by telling these departments to pay attention to what's going on on this floor, pay attention to what law is actually passed and go into effect, and enforce those laws properly. The department, in testimony before our committee, could not describe how they followed the law. I asked them a question, explain to me how you properly distributed this money and followed the law. And they couldn't do it. They didn't know what to say. They did not know what to say. Folks, the money was distri...I'm requesting is coming from the Low-Level Cash Fund that is for the use of the host state in relationship to low-level activities. It's not coming from our General Funds, it's coming from a low-level fund. If I had my preferences, I think it should come out of Mr. Ringenberg's salary, because he's the one that messed this up so poorly, that's where it should come from, but I don't think we can do that, so we're going to the low-level fund, the proper distribution of this money. And should these other folks get the money? Yes, they should. That was the law. Everybody that deserved the money, by the law, should get it. It was well known by the people all over the state that we're involved in this, that this law was changing, and had, indeed, changed well before they distributed the money. They have absolutely no argument available. Like I said, the bill moved off of Select File onto Final Reading, popular consensus, the committee bill, once it was amended on General and Select, moved to Final, four days after what they're claiming they could no longer change courses, four days. And, in fact, they changed courses twice. The legal application they're relying on, they made their whole case on is for \$100,000 for the City of Omaha. That's the proper application that they're claiming that they had to rely on at the start of this process,...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...and yet they distributed the money to over five different entities after that, and the county. So if this is the proper distribution, they should have given the money to Omaha...or Auburn, excuse me. Omaha can get some of that money, if they want to volunteer to host the facility, I'm sure. But...and, Senator Lindsay, the garden district