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SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President and members of the body, Senator Elmer, a couple of questions, please, if you may.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Elmer, would you respond, please.

SENATOR ELMER: If it's possible.

SENATOR ROBINSON: In the time of stress upon the state budget, I guess one question is how high a priority is this bill? I mean, is it a high priority with the agency?

SENATOR ELMER: Negative.

SENATOR ROBINSON: It's what?

SENATOR ELMER: No.

SENATOR ROBINSON: No, it is not a high priority with the agency. And I don't think it was in the Governor's budget. And I guess that's my concern with it staring...having \$14 million being stared at us as far as Medicaid is concerned, where are we going to get the bucks? And I think it's a great idea but I don't think it's time has come yet, Senator Elmer. And I would stand and I think we ought to vote this bill down and when the environmental agency feels it's a high priority then I think we should take it up and when we have some money we can deal with something like this. I think it's a time...I think now is the time to start taking a stand on budget matters. If you don't think so, come down and sit in on Appropriations Committee. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, Senator Elmer, if you would.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Elmer, would you respond, please.

SENATOR ELMER: Certainly.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: You said this is similar to the other...to what a majority of the other states are doing in this labeling?