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have not traditionally transferred those funds, is there going to be a need in the future for this Legislature to appropriate funds to replace the money which is now being transferred? And, if not, then why have we not, in the past, ever been able to transfer funds back to the General Fund?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, you know, I know enough...well, the first thing, that's why I use the word adjustments instead of budget cuts. That was your first question and that's why I think it's...I think you are absolutely correct, there's a lot of things that we are doing are not an actual reduction, they're an adjustment through some Cash Fund lapse. So that's a fair thing to say and I've always...I will try and encourage members of the body to stay away from the word \$105 million worth of cuts because many of those things are actual adjustments like this. As far as the question of, could this reduction eventually lead to a General Fund appropriation of some sort? I mean, that is always possible, obviously, it is our opinion that is not a concern at this time, but, you know, after...a good example is the Gaming Department. I believe 10, 15 years ago there was an excess, at a time like this the state took, now 15 years later they're broke. Now 15 years is a long time in legislative business. Can I say that these will never come back in 15 years? I don't know. It's certainly our opinion that in any sort of near-term situation there's no problem whatsoever that you could expect these two entities to be coming in and asking for General Funds. But I know enough to never say never in this business.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, thank you, Senator Moore. I visited with one of my local friendly bankers over the weekend and he has been following the, as Senator Moore aptly described them, adjustments very carefully. And he said it reminds me of the typical borrower who comes into the bank and has put his budget before him and knows full well that he is not going to loan him money for a new pickup and so he puts an addition in there for repairs of the combine and he pumps the feed bill up a little and he does some other things and, lo and behold, the next time the banker sees him he is wheeling around town in a new pickup and the combine repairs weren't as expensive as they were supposed to be and the feed wasn't as expensive as it was proposed to be and, as a result, there just happened to be enough money for a new pickup. And I'm afraid what we are doing here, Senator Moore, is as I read the explanation in the newspaper and I listened to the explanations that you have