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PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...for these funds and if we, in any way, reduce MIRC at this point without a more thorough look at the project, the utilization of MIRC for those projects, bonded projects, I think, would be in jeopardy. So, for those reasons, I would recommend that we not make the cut at this time but look at it again next year. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Madam President. Members of the Legislature, if I could ask Senator Moore three questions, I will lay them all out and give him time to respond and if there is time left, I would like a chance just to respond, if I could. First, Senator Moore, have we made, as we sometimes do, an evaluation of this program? Do we have a working evaluation? Sometimes we do. Sometimes we don't. I know that we've had cycles before. I don't know if we've had one. If we have, are there any results from that evaluation? Secondly, could you detail for us some of the projects you would have learned about in the course of your hearing that you aren't aware of, because we're part of the floor procedure, that were brought up in the hearing? And, lastly, it's my understanding that this is quite arguably outside the call. Is there rationale by which it's inside the call or is it likely that the call would be amended should this measure advance? Now those are the three issues I would raise. Has there been an evaluation? What kind of projects are at risk? And what about the topic of being inside or outside the call?

SENATOR MOORE: Thank you, Senator Landis. The three questions, the first one, is there an evaluation? There is no ongoing evaluation of MIRC. There was a study completed by the Fiscal Office in 1990, I believe, which we need a copy of about, at that point in time, I think that was after the first year where the money was going for and that really wasn't so much an evaluation as a report on what was happening. And so, in answer to your first question, there's not been an evaluation of any sort in two years and there is no ongoing mechanism to look at that. Secondly, as far as the projects, I mean, you know, the projects ran the gambit of like I think the City of Bellevue, I think, was that it was...I'll refrain from editorializing, I guess, but it was an example of where the entire amount of money they got from MIRC they were going...it was going towards paying