

originally generated was close to that amount, but some of the money was used for those initial loans before we went to the credit system, production credit system.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay. And then so we are also contributing about 18 million in fertilizer tax?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: That is correct, but the fertilizer tax was General Fund money.

SENATOR STUHR: General Fund money, all right, and agriculture does contribute in other ways to General Fund money also?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Correct.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay. So you came up with a total of...

SENATOR MCKENZIE: I came up with a total of about, now do you want the fertilizer tax money included in the estimates?

SENATOR STUHR: I believe it is transferred.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Yes, I have included it in the General Fund money because that is where it was prior to being shifted over to the EPIC Fund.

SENATOR STUHR: Right. It was set aside so actually it is more like about 67 million in the next years that we will have contributed.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: If you include the fertilizer tax as agricultural's contribution.

SENATOR STUHR: It is agricultural's contribution, isn't it?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Well, it is contributed by agriculture but it was originally contributed to the General Fund, and we shift the General Fund money which comes from fertilizer tax over to the ethanol fund. So it is splitting hairs, splitting hairs.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay, thank you.

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SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Bernard-Stevens.