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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That is certainly part of our...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ..concern.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay. Part of the concern I have on the whole concept, do I disagree with what they're doing? No. But the reason that we're doing it now is because we're afraid that we may not get the few people that are out there to come in and yet we're going to be putting caps on people, we're going to put lids on people. We don't want to put 100,000, 108,000 to community colleges but we're willing to put 28 million...

SENATOR WILL: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ..dollars out there even though we don't necessarily have to do it right now and that is a concern.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Schrock on the Wehrbein amendment.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I was one of the committee members that voted against LB 1190 committee and I'm not objecting to correct the problem, if that's what needs to take place, although my expertise in that area is very limited. My objection is taking the money out of the 309 Fund, the Building Fund. I have a problem with that. If we have to fund this I think we should do it straight up and leave the cigarette tax money in the 309 Fund.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Will, and I do support the Wehrbein amendment to the committee amendments and primarily because I think this bill is for the purpose primarily of dealing with this millennium problem. I think that that should be focused on first and if that is taken care of we can go from there. Whether or not we reallocate the money, as Senator Bernard-Stevens is suggesting or, whether or not with the oversight of the Appropriations Committee, simply move into other technology related projects is fine, but if we have this