

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Lynch. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Cudaback yielded time to me if there was any remaining, if...

SENATOR WILL: I apologize. You have a little over a minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And that will be plenty. I wanted to talk, just echo some of the things that Senator Lynch was talking about and others. Please keep in mind the scenario a couple of years ago. A couple of years ago, a lot of the cigarette tax money that was obligated for certain things was unobligated. In other words, what they were funding became funded and then they were freed up. Some of the money was used for prisons and other things were used from that on cigarette tax, but we made a specific effort of the body to make sure that some of those dollars would go into the 309 because we all understood how badly we've neglected buildings in the state. What this would do, not that I'm arguing against, we may not have...we may have to do it, but taking it from that fund, members, you're going to have to and we're going to have to come back, if not next year, you know, certainly the year after that, and replace dollars and increase money in 309, or else the buildings are going to be falling apart literally, I'm not exaggerating, and we're going to be in a world of hurt. That's why we put the extra dollars in there. And so if you're going to have to put General Fund money to replace the money that you're taking for the computers, there's got to be a better way of funding it, even if it's taking some of the money from 309, not all of the increase, and putting some General Fund money in...

SENATOR WILL: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ..or some other source.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Chairman, does everybody get shocked when they touch the microphone or am I the only one? (Laugh) Well, in any case, no, I would like to point out that this is one of