

SENATOR LYNCH: Well we could use 274 million right now,...

SENATOR WITEK: I know, I know there's more money needed, but we...

SENATOR LYNCH: ...but with this new proposal from cigarette tax, we'll be going from 9 million 4, down to about 6 million 7.

SENATOR WITEK: Then do you run those decisions, your priority decisions, through our Appropriations Committee?

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: Well, yeah, the procedure is done with the approval of almost everybody in the state, DAS is involved, the Appropriations Committee, we tried to...and the agencies involved with the buildings that need the repair.

SENATOR WITEK: Okay. Well I see...why can't we take the time here, we can acknowledge that we're going to take the money for this by the...you know, in the years, and set the money aside. But the actual administrative (sic) of the money, maybe we could wait until next January to come in with a plan to set up something like we have in the Building Maintenance Committee and have a special select committee of the Legislature to prioritize some of these areas and have more knowledge than the rest of us and come to us with recommendations. I don't know why we can't set up that kind of a structure and really have some involvement in this instead of keep delegating our responsibilities is kind of the way I see we've been tossing the ball into somebody else's game, and I think we need to...I think we need to start playing in this game,...

SENATOR WILL: Time.

SENATOR WITEK: ...we really need to be involved. Thank you.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, could I ask Senator Wehrbein some questions or a question or so? 'Cause I think you said, Senator Wehrbein, you approved this first part, recommend and the Legislature and the Governor, is that