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can, from time to time, participate in. To suggest that the NRDs should take that money and use it only for themselves is to suggest that one source of funds to which they currently have access, they should just grab it all and substitute, in part, their own money for the money that they're losing. I think that's a disingenuous suggestion. The point is that nobody has demonstrated why all of a sudden the NRDs don't need the money. We went through processes originally in this institution, in the Legislature, and it was determined, when the motor vehicle tax was put on, that the NRDs needed this money. And now all of a sudden the need of the NRDs is less? Who has pointed out how the needs of the NRDs are less...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...today than they were previously?

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Beutler, your light is next. Would you like to continue?

SENATOR BEUTLER: So doesn't it make sense in terms of the logic of this institution that if we've had a debate on the subject and decided that particular funding is appropriate for particular institutions, that we ought to have somebody telling us why it's no longer appropriate before we just whack off 1.7, or whack off 2.3, with no fertilizer tax? I suggest to you that all of the evidence is to the contrary; that the work of the NRDs are being called upon to do increases daily, and that one of the major implications of refusing to allow them to engage in the process, the implications are twofold. One is that local control will be lost more and more in the process of environmental regulation in the countryside if you do not properly fund the NRDs. It will be taken back to the state level. And if the state fails to respond, the federal government will respond in this area. The truth of the matter is that the federal government now, at this particular historic part, historic juncture in the development of environmental law in this country, is starting to look seriously at nonpoint source pollution. Everything that we've done to date has been with point source solution (sic)...point source pollution insofar as serious regulatory efforts have been concerned. That is, the federal government looked first, the state has looked