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funded. I think Senator Wickersham has a good idea, the General Fund monies, and I think they can be used for such. NRDs are very important. They are us. NRDs are us, in a (inaudible), and I don't want to reflect or show by this vote here that I'm voting against funding the NRDs, which it may down the road, and I just think it's important to keep that in mind. I would like to ask Senator Beutler a question, please.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler, would you yield?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, I appreciate the fact that you want to give NRDs more dollars and I do too. I would just like to ask would these dollars come from...directly from what fund would you be transferring these dollars from in the year 2000?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, the mechanism would be to transfer to a separate fund, call it a Water Quality Fund,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Um-hum.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and then from that fund give the interest every year to the NRDs to use for water quality maintenance.

SENATOR CUDABACK: And would those dollars come...be coming from the motor vehicle tax,...

SENATOR BEUTLER: No.

SENATOR CUDABACK: ...so to speak?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, this would be completely separate from the motor vehicle tax.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Um-hum.

SENATOR BEUTLER: It's simply attached to this bill because it's...it would be a part of the solution to the problem of having taking...taken funds away from them.