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will be even more money in this fund, and there will be more money available for this program, and it may not have to be a one-time proposition. So what I am doing with this amendment is to say "The Legislature intends to appropriate up to \$3,200,000 of the balance of the competitive grants portion of the Education Innovation Fund money existing on June 30, 1999, to be distributed pursuant to this section in school year 2000-2001." That's what the new language would say. Now, I am not opposed to somebody, after this amendment is adopted, changing the year 1999, in line 25, to the year 2000. So that you will have a years more worth of the suckers money in this fund. I'd like to ask Senator Wehrbein a question.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wehrbein, would you respond to a question?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, I'm going to ask you this question, considering your capacity as the Chairperson of the Appropriations Committee. Would you support this bill if this money were to come out of the General Fund?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Probably not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, do you have a copy of Senator Stuhr's amendment in front of you, because I want to read something, unless you'll take...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Would you look, starting in line 22 on page 2,...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: "...The Legislature intends to appropriate up to \$3,200,000". That is not a firm obligation of the Legislature to appropriate \$3,200,000, is it?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: "Up to" means anything less, that amount or any amount less than that, isn't that true?