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quality is from July 1st to July 1st. The lack of revenue after January 1st from the fertilizer enhancement fund...or from the fertilizer tax will leave the fund short about \$560,000. The Appropriations Committee did put in \$500,000 for...to make up that shortfall. I do appreciate that, members of the Appropriations Committee. When you talk to the public one of their number one concerns is clean water so, from that standpoint, I think the decision that the Appropriations Committee made and the body made when they advanced this to the Governor was that water quality is important. I believe it is important. One of the problems we have now is we leave an uncertain future for the natural resources district as to where their funding is. Now it is true, and Senator Wickersham will point this out, that they do have levy room left on their property taxes. They can raise this \$500,000 from property taxes if they will, but I'm not sure that's going to happen. So, like I said, we do have an uncertain future and I hope that next year we can come back and send a clear message to the public and to the NRDs that we do take water quality serious. And so, with that, I would give some of my unused time to...to Senator Bruning.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bruning, you have about eight and a half minutes.

SENATOR BRUNING: Thank you, Senator Schrock. You know, I also wanted to take this opportunity to talk a little bit about water quality real briefly and the importance of it to this state and the importance of it to the citizens of this state. It's only a matter of time before water becomes the chief resource that people in this state, in this nation are worried about. Right now, people worry about oil. We worry about our dependence on foreign oil. Well, it's not going to be too long in the future, you don't have to...you don't have to be too much of a visionary to think of a time when people are worried about water the same way they're worried about oil today. Eventually we're going to have other ways to power our vehicles and our homes, but eventually we're not going to have a solution for water and for the lack of water, and so this state needs to be concerned about it. And what's happening here is, when you think about the veto of this particular amount of money, \$500,000, if the NRDs determine that they need to do this, and they probably will,