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should have been money that was exposed, if it was intended to be transferred this year, early on in the process. And if it was the decision of the Governor and of this body to transfer the funds in this manner, keeping in mind the other bills that were out there in competition...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...then so be it. But I'm concerned about the way that this is being done. Having said that, Senator Bohlke, let me ask some questions about the subject matter involved, just to get a picture of what is going on and has been going on. And I'll put my light on again, because I think I'm about to be...my remarks are about to be ended. So I'll put my light on again.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this money is important to my legislative district. I share this unified district in south-central Nebraska with Senator Kremer, the district of Superior, Lawrence, Nelson, Guide Rock, and Sandy Creek. They unified, thinking that the money would be there for unification, and they're counting on it. And so I guess I have to commend Senator Wehrbein for his innovative thinking here. And I do so. I don't know what the answer is. Senator Beutler, you said something about the bill not being prioritized, or this issue not being prioritized. If I remember right, Senator Dierks did make the unification bill his priority bill. And maybe he can nod his head. Was that last year, Senator Dierks? Two years ago. And I think when we passed that bill, we made a financial commitment to support it. Now, maybe the money wasn't there two years ago, but I think we made a commitment at that time to support it. And so I think what we're doing here now is fulfilling that commitment. And you know, if this doesn't pass, I understand the concern. But I think we did make a commitment that if schools would cooperate, get together, try to become more efficient, we would help them in the transition. So I believe it is appropriate. And from that standpoint, I'm going to be supporting the bill. And I realize not everybody in this legislative body has districts that have unified. As a matter of fact, I would guess it would