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SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and currently you're saying no General Funds shall be used.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But if it's mandated now and the federal government fails to provide the funds, it will continue to be mandated and we will have to spend General Funds to do this.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Beutler,...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is that right, or not?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...I think if the federal government doesn't come through with those federal funds there will be such outrage on the part of all the states and the secretaries of states that there will be, in essence, no implementation of this federal act. It is going to be a very costly undertaking and the states are in no position...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, but in a...I'm talking about in a legal sense what can happen. I...you know, ever since the low-level deal, this expectation...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I know.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...thing on my part has soured badly.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I know. Well,...

SENATOR BEUTLER: And I...if they're mandating this now, I'd simply prefer not to do it until they show us the money. And then, if they're going to force us to do it without the money, so be it.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well,...

SENATOR BEUTLER: But why would we proceed to encourage them in this business unless...