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\$260,000 from the corporation cash fund to the Election Administration Fund before May of 2003. And with that transfer, the state will have met its 5 percent match. Now, this was a deliberate decision on this matter. A meeting involving my staff, the Secretary of State, the Fiscal Office, and the Governor's Budget Office discussed different possibilities, but this is the course of action which was decided upon. I would be happy to try to answer any questions that you may have, and just say that there will be another chance to discuss this when we debate an amendment to LB 357. We'll have to pull LB 357 back to Select File to discuss that amendment. So with that, Mr. President, I return the rest of my time to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You've heard the opening on AM0855. Now open for discussion. Senator Schimek, there are no lights on.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Then I would simply say that this...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Are you closing, Senator Schimek?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Then I will just simply say that this amendment puts the money into the Election Administration Fund to be appropriated to the Secretary of State in this next fiscal year and the following fiscal year for implementation of the voter registration project, and provides for...or anticipates early money from the federal government in the term...in terms of \$5 million, and then another \$4 million in the fall. With that, I would simply ask for adoption of the amendment, which then does become the A bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You've heard the closing on AM0855 to LB 357A. The question before the body is, shall that be adopted? All in favor of the motion vote aye, and opposed nay. We're voting on the adoption of AM0855, offered by Senator Schimek to LB 357A. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Schimek's amendment.