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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...well-meaning than some of the other raids on the fund, and Senator Chambers is trying to do something here of which I support. I just don't support the funding. By taking \$300,000 out of this fund to deal with lead paint abatement that we can feel relatively confident will be funded federally, it's just a delay in that funding. We won't be able to recoup that money back into the Environmental Trust and that funding can't be regained in some other way. So, although it's well-meaning, although the needs are great, this is not the fund. This is not the source to fund something that has alternative sources that can fund it and alternative sources that are already earmarked to fund it, and that goes counter purposes to what the voters voted on in establishing the Environmental Trust...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...when it was voted on. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank...

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry, Senator. I'm sorry. You may continue, Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: I don't want to get in the way if you... (laugh)... thank you, Senator Cudaback. Members, I rise in support of Senator Chambers' amendment. No one can dispute the documented impact that high levels of lead have on our young people, whether it be in the metropolitan city or in Hastings or wherever, and I would stand in support of this amendment no matter where this high level of lead area was. I don't know if this area in Senator Chambers' district or up in north Omaha has been designated a superfund site. I know at one time they talked about it being a superfund site and there was some debate over whether to dub it such, and I don't know if they have. But nonetheless, the lead levels up there are significant and it's not just from paint. It's from this old ASARCO lead battery