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saying that we can't afford \$300,000 to help the environment. One last thing I want to point out in this article that was in the Omaha World-Herald on April 7. It says that this year, Governor Mike Johanns proposed using \$5 million of the trust fund money for other purposes. So the Governor, in his budget, recommended taking \$5 million out of the Environmental Trust Fund to solve our budget crisis, and I'm not criticizing the Appropriations Committee, but it says here the Appropriations Committee has tentatively lowered that \$5 million to \$925,000. So, as far as I'm concerned, the Environmental Trust Fund had slightly over a \$4 million windfall and for them to say that they can't afford \$300,000 to prevent learning disabilities in the kids of this state is outrageous. Add that to the 13 percent, a double-digit raise, it's hard for me to fathom. And I'm looking forward to the budget debate and we'll have to look at this issue again. Thank you.

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

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I do believe that we have an issue before us that needs some attention. I did approach Senator Chambers and ask him whether this amendment had a hearing. The amendment itself did not have a hearing, but the concept has certainly had a hearing in the past. I do not support the amendment that is before us, taking the money from the Education Innovative Fund, or actually from General Fund. I will be supporting the amendment to take it from the LUST Fund. I think that is an appropriate place. There seems to be quite a bit of support for money to be used from the Environmental Trust Fund for this particular project. I would suggest and encourage the city of Omaha to make application to the Environmental Trust Fund for additional funds, if those are needed for this program. It's my understanding that at this point they have never chosen that route to do that. No, maybe the funds were not set out to do this particular thing, but I guess if I were desperate, I would at least make the attempt to make an application for a grant to address this concern. So I will be supporting the amendment that will be before us next, but do oppose this one. Thank you.

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