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on the Schrock amendment.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. I appreciate the hush. (Laugh) I rise again to reiterate that certainly we need to address the issue and the concern of lead and lead poisoning of children. I also think it's important that I should stress that we need to screen the children, that those children that are under the age of six living in the area have not all been tested for lead levels, and the earlier that we test those children, the earlier we determine that they have high lead levels, the sooner that we can get them out of an environment that may be further contaminating them, the sooner that we can help to address their individual problems and their medical conditions. The medical center and other testing organizations, including the county health department coordinating that in Douglas County, are working on that, but we've still got a lot of children to go. That process is moving forward. The other portion of the process that's moving forward is the federal superfund designation, and that designation is going to deal with most of the contamination in the area, and out of the superfund monies will go to pay for the cleanup, the remediation, and the cost to do that. If we take money from the Environmental Trust Fund to pay for all the environmental degradation that has been caused by polluters, we don't have enough money and we never will have enough money to deal with all the needs. That's why, when the voters voted on it, the concept was that this money would only pay for those things where we couldn't identify responsible parties and where we didn't have other funding sources. In this instance, we have both identification of the cause and we also have identification of a funding source. So in this situation we can address the problem, we can deal with the issues, but at this point, with one aspect of that, there is a delay in some funding. I think we're going to be able to work with an amendment that can help address that funding gap, that shortfall, and not take the money out of the Environmental Trust, which I think is inappropriate, not take it out of the Education Excellence Fund, which I think is also inappropriate, but take it from an appropriate source. We also have a problem with the General Fund, obviously, because the General Fund is certainly not flush with any revenue at this point. So I think we can meet the needs that those of us who