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kinds of assistance if we don't do something about the problem. So the problem is existing. It's immediate. It's essential that we do something about it, but it's very different from the ASARCO and the air contamination that fell into the soil that's part of the federal designation of a hazard...of a superfund site. That isn't incorporated with the lead-based paint program. We have contractor certification that this body passed. We have the program. Omaha, I think, is, it's the only place in the state and it's one of the only places in the country. We've taken some initiative. We've taken a leadership role. This helps in that regard, and it's a much more appropriate place to take the funds from the LUST fund than it is from the Environmental Trust Fund, which was never...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...designed to pay for pollution but to pay for environmental assistance. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the Schrock amendment to LB 367, Senator Vrtiska, followed by Senator Tyson and five others.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I rise in certainly full support of this amendment to transfer these funds out of the LUST fund. I just had to make a couple a couple of comments because I know that what we've been hearing is certainly an example of preventative, future preventative for these young people, and certainly it's important. Getting back to the LUST fund, which none of us want to see removed, the money removed, but it's like everything else that happens around there. There are priorities and this is a time when we need to prioritize and decide where we should put our money. And as I indicated, I would...I'm...we're always sad to see money that's transferred from one fund to another when it was...as most of you know, we got ourselves in a real bad spot transferring money out of the Weights and Measures a few years ago because we thought they had more money than they needed. And they...we ended up they didn't have enough money. But I understand what we're doing. This is a priority and we need to look at it in