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SENATOR CUDABACK: We are.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, well, it's good that we're starting to get into these things, because everything does need rethinking. But it's interesting how expansive we suddenly get. All of a sudden, all earmarked cigarette taxes now are going to go into the General Fund. Well, we can do that. And I guess if we're going to put everything in the General Fund, we should take the sales tax that's going into the Highway Trust Fund and put that into the General Fund too, and search out all other earmarked funds and put them into the General Fund. But there was originally a reason why we earmarked some things. And Senator Quandahl indicated, well, we don't know all the reasons for it now. And I guess that's one of the reasons that you have hearings on bills, so that people can come in and you can be reminded of the reasons why something was done this way, or why something was done that way. And I would remind you that none of these suggestions, from this point, MIRF excepted, MIRF did have a bill, nobody in the Legislature filed a bill to throw these things into the pot, to see if these things got considered. And the...and generally, by and large, the Appropriations Committee has not considered things that have...that take statutory changes that were not before us. There may be one or two exceptions to that. I don't want to say outright. But generally speaking, if we thought there was something that should be looked at, we filed a bill, or had somebody file a bill, or somebody individually filed a bill, so we knew it would be there. But there are reasons for things, and I think our process has always acknowledged that. And when we put things into statute, we meant then to protect them for one reason or another to a greater degree. Usually that greater degree had something to do with financial stability and the ability to bond and the ability to be able to look to the future with a little more certainty. And perhaps before we just go whole hog changing things, we should consider the processes that we've had and consider the reasons in individual cases of why things may have been the way they were, and consider all of the circumstances under which something was done, as so...as Senator Cunningham was so good to point out. At the time things are done, it's not just one element, necessarily, of the legislative