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technology, and other groups across the state that are updating their information technology in the public sector, if you will. The other one is also used...another use of this is grants between agencies that are updating their information technology. So, collaborative, if you will, so that they have access to dollars to do the necessary upgrading of their software. So we are using this money, admittedly earmarked. I just simply wanted to say that that's what it's being used for. If you take it the next step and say you cancel this and put it back into the General Fund, there would certainly be a need for that money to come back out from the General Fund to some extent, if not all, in order to maintain the projects that we're doing in this area.

SENATOR CUDABACK:      Thank you, Senator Wehrbein.      Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Bromm.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:      Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Wehrbein did give a good rundown of what this program is. And I think he could persuade us that the program has enough merit to justify appropriating money to keep it going. These are hidden items. They are items that draw money automatically every year, without any accounting being given, without anybody considering what these programs are doing. I'd like to ask Senator Wehrbein a question. And it's of a general nature.

SENATOR CUDABACK:      Senator Wehrbein, would you respond?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN:      Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:      Senator Wehrbein, with the language in the statute now that earmarks money for these programs, there is nothing these programs can do or fail to do that would automatically result in this earmarked money not going to them. Is...?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN:      At the present time, that's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:      So there is no oversight. there is no accountability demanded before this money will flow to them?