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SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Raikes, and, Senator Chambers. Senator Schimek, your light is next.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, and members. Senator Raikes, I want to take you away from the underlying bill for a minute and go back to the amendment. And I'm trying to figure out exactly what that amendment does, what's different from now, and the first year, as far as I can tell, half of that money from the lottery that's meant to go to the Education Fund goes into scholarships. Is that correct?

SENATOR RAIKES: That's correct.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And the other half goes into existing programs...

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Raikes, would you yield?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes. Senator, if you mean the first year being 2004-2005, which is the second year of the biennium for which we're budgeting, half of the money would go to need-based aid, the other half would remain allocated to the General Fund. It's...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: To the General Fund?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes. Yes. Currently, the statute had all the education lottery money...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: In the General...

SENATOR RAIKES: ...going to the General Fund.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And when is the year that it's supposed to go back?

SENATOR RAIKES: 2005-2006.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay, okay. So then what happens the next year?