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that \$3 million should be coming out of the tobacco settlement money, because that is the intent of that settlement, to help cure the problems that it has incurred. So with that, I think I've got my questions answered. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK PRESIDING

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Raikes, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR RAIKES: I'll waive.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Raikes waives. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Madam Chairman and members of the body. Senator Jensen, I...he's busy over there. I'd like to ask him a question along this same line. Senator Jensen, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR KREMER: Okay. That was a three-year program, the cessation program. And when we had the comprehensive bill last year...was it last year, to...how to divide up the tobacco settlement money in a lot of different areas, some to research and something.. was not this part of that, the funding of that three-year program, in part of that package?

SENATOR JENSEN: The last \$7 million was actually taken out, intercepted, went into the General Fund.

SENATOR KREMER: Last year was even that way?

SENATOR JENSEN: Last year? This year? Which was it, (inaudible)? Yeah. No, no.

SENATOR KREMER: I was thinking part of that package was this program. And I remember the discussion when Senator Bohlke introduced this, that we didn't want to start robbing the