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PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Further discussion on the Brashear amendment? Seeing none, the Chair would recognize Senator Brashear to close on his amendment.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Senator Wehrbein, I'd like to yield a little time to you at the beginning of this closing so you can...I want to hear what it was that you weren't threatening me with (laugh) or the program. Would you like some time to finish? And then please return it to me.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I just didn't want to...

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...leave a bad taste. All I'm saying is, I would think that we may look at this in January, and if there's a buildup in this cash fund that's not spent, I just wanted to give you an alert...I don't...that's not a warning, it's not a watch, it's just an alert that we would have to watch this, and that there may be...if these dollars aren't spent as rapidly...because we do this with every other agency. We get criticized for cash buildup and things like that. This is only simply another one of those many issues that we have. And I just wanted to state that if this does not progress to the extent that we think it will, that it is something we would be looking at in January. And I don't consider that a threat. I just wanted to...wanted that...that's all I wanted on the record. Thank you very much for this time.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you. Senator Wehrbein, I would hope that everyone involved with this program is so anxious to get started that they will work so diligently that we get these people out into the community and getting the service that they personally and desperately need for the benefit of the program and the people. I understand what you're saying, and there's no...never been any thought that we won't be a part of the appropriations process and subject to all of your disciplines. So I thank you for your clarification. I would urge the adoption of this amendment, which simply makes the effective date July 1, 2003, and we believe will be more orderly and