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additional 3 percent (sic) for Fiscal Year '04 and '05. The \$3 million cut is to be restored in '06, when the committee recommends that the MIRF be repealed. The \$3 million of cigarette tax currently being distributed through MIRF would be directed back to the General Fund. And what you're doing with this amendment, or Senator Beutler is attempting to do with this amendment, is different than that. Is that right? He's trying to extend with going to '09?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: That's different than the recommendation or that's in the...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's right. What is in the goldenrod is what the...based on the original Appropriations Committee recommendation.

SENATOR HARTNETT: So that you recommend the 10 percent base plus the \$3 million, and Senator Beutler is saying we want this to go on beyond, MIRF to go back. We're taking care of Lincoln, but then we want...for the two years, and then we want, starting in '05, we want it to go '09. Is that it? There's nobody left in this body in '09. We'll forget all that history. Is that...Senator Beutler, is that correct, what you're doing?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR HARTNETT: You're extending MIRF for...till '09?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah, for the next two years we would...

SENATOR HARTNETT: For Lincoln.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...we would take out of MIRF...

SENATOR HARTNETT: For Lincoln, and then you would extend it then to '09.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And then from 2005 to 2009,...