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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Wehrbein, followed by Senator Mines and others.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I have been a little...somewhat skeptical. But I think I'm going to support this. I'd like to ask Senator Beutler some questions, if I may.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, would you respond?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Sure.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Beutler, how would you envision the budget be discovered, if you will, under your amendment? Does this...will this administrator submit the budget on their own, or will...as a separate office, under the Governor?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes. I think the way it's structured, they would submit to the Appropriations Committee a separate budget for the Capitol building and the Capitol grounds, as administered by the office. And I think that's...to me, that's one of the advantages, so we can see exactly what resources are being allocated.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: As is presently done under the cover of...or, under the auspices of DAS? Would that...?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: So your intention would be that this was a separate issue. We could more or less, depending...say, a crisis like this, we could cut back on what's...or we could go ahead and offer more money for the use in this...in the environs here. Would that money be appropriated, the Capitol Fund...Restoration Fund, I believe that is? Or would that be a General Fund that would go into that cash fund? Is that...?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think that would be a new General Fund area that we would...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay.