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not be as revenue...or as cost neutral as we'd like to have it. And so I would invite some discussion on that. Senator Beutler may have some of my time, if he'd like, at this point. I have some reading to do, I need to do, on this fiscal note myself. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. You've heard the opening on AM2072, which is an amendment offered by Senator Wehrbein to the Hudkins-Beutler amendment, AM2015 to LB 439A. Open for discussion on the Wehrbein amendment. Senator Wehrbein, did you mean for your light to be on? He waives his opportunity. Senator Bromm, on the Wehrbein amendment.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. I would have a couple questions. Would Senator Beutler yield to a question, please?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, would you yield?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Beutler, maybe you haven't had a chance to look at the Wehrbein amendment yet. But as I understood his introduction, he's suggesting that money is needed from the General Fund, and the appropriations, or the A bill as it stands now would take no General Fund money. Is that correct?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right.

SPEAKER BROMM: And is it your position that no General Fund money is needed?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, it's my position that what is sought to be done now is to separate the matter out, and that those funds that have been spent on the Capitol Building would continue to be spent on the Capitol Building. No additional funds would be spent. And the value of having a focused commitment and an administrator focusing on just the Capitol Building and its related programs and expenses will make up for whatever additional expense there may be because of any sort of maladjustment, let's call it, in terms of splitting up the resources.