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SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And do you intent to try to create that trust fund through this process that we're going through this session?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes, I do.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And is it your intent to ask for additional sales tax money to put into this trust fund?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Beutler, I already asked for additional sales tax money, but the Revenue Committee, who I'm their favorite customer, didn't agree with me, and so I think both of those proposals were indefinitely postponed.

SENATOR BEUTLER: That was a particularly...

SENATOR SCHROCK: But I was the good soldier. I carried the bill to them.

SENATOR BEUTLER: That was a particularly cruel thing to do, wasn't it?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Well, they've been cruel all along.
(Laughter)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, they wouldn't give you extra money, and so is it fair to say what you're doing is coming in to take money from somebody else and put it in this fund? Is that what's happening?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes. And if I might explain, the 49 members of the task force, with the exception of maybe Senator Stuhr and I, who weren't quite so bright-eyed, thought that this is an important issue, it's a statewide issue, and that it needed a dedicated source of funding. And they thought that the dedicated sales tax money was important and that everybody should be involved, and this was a way to do it. And, of course, new taxes probably wouldn't fly, so they wanted a portion of the current sales tax money. Now I did tell them that I thought this was a long shot, but if they wanted to go