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inequitably, in the payment of the cost of this fund? In my world, the cost causers are the cost payers. It doesn't appear that that's the way that this is and, frankly, I'm a little unnerved that there isn't a plan for the funding, and I'm sure that that can be worked out. But if Senator Beutler would accept the rest of my time, I really am interested in how we can afford this program. With that, Mr. President, I turn my time over to Senator Beutler.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, you have about two and a half minutes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Mines, thank you very much. Senator Schrock, I went over a little bit the policy task force recommendation with the Water Resource Trust Fund. That fund really was an expansion and a capturing of money that was way beyond the things that were new in this bill. Wouldn't that be accurate to say? I mean, we could have continued funding the Water Development Fund, for example, the way we've always done it, and you wouldn't have had to request so much money. But you wanted to include that in the trust fund apparently. Is that right?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That was the recommendations of the task force, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And let me ask you this. I'm glancing at AM2849, which I assume you plan to run here shortly.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Let me see, where is that at?

SENATOR BEUTLER: It's the amendment authorizing the tax authority of the NRD.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Uh-huh.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And it also contains within it the Water Resources Trust Fund. And let me ask you, are you envisioning that the money that would come from the A bill, in this case, would go into this trust fund or not?