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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, about one...

SENATOR SCHROCK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Beutler, under the proposed amendment, certainly was not my intent to put any dedicated funds towards the Soil and Water Conservation Fund or the Resource Development Fund. I don't think the amendment does that. But the \$2.5 million would be put in a trust fund dedicated to carry out the provisions of the water task force. And I assume it's going to be like all appropriations that the state of Nebraska does. The director of the Department of Natural Resources and any agencies involved are going to have to come before you annually and tell you what their status is and justify the need for the money. And if there's too much money in that fund that's not needed, they will tell you so. If they need more, they will tell you so. And then the Appropriations Committee shall have to make its recommendation.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beut...

SENATOR SCHROCK: Fair enough?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Was that a question, Senator Schrock?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes, he can respond if he wants. Senator Beutler can respond.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I understand the good intentions, but the language says that the Appropriations Committee would no longer have any authority over this money. So there would be no need for them to come before us because they're statutory...statutorily authorized not to come before us.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Well, if that's what it says, I would be agreeable to an amendment, because I think it should be reviewed annually by the Appropriations Committee.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR SCHROCK: But, of course, you're going to have to