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in my office with about ten of the task force members after that hearing, and we had a little check on reality. I said it wasn't going to happen, and I'm right. But I think it's appropriate, considering the urgency to this issue and the last two years of dry weather. And hopefully yesterday and today and Sunday are a sign of...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...things to come that will turn this drought around, because it would make things a lot simpler in the central and western part of the state. But I think the urgency of this and the importance of this, we can't afford to not implement the provisions of the task force. And it's going to take some money. It's not going to take a lot. In the scheme of things, it's not going to take a lot. But if we can't fund some of this from the General Fund, then I don't know where we're going to go. But maybe we should put a tax on every hydrant, on every house, in every municipality in this state. And you can tax my hydrant on my farm too. I won't water my grass if that makes you feel better. But if we're going to tax the irrigation wells, then let's tax the water on our golf courses, let's tax the water to our houses, let's just go down that road then. But don't stop with agriculture; tax everybody.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members of the body, I guess I have to admit I was a little disappointed in the direction that this discussion took this afternoon, in terms of the need to having this. And if you will bear with me a minute, I'm going to read right out of the pamphlet that was produced as a result of that task force. I know it's redundant, I know you've heard it before, but to me, it's the most critical part of what this is about. And I admit, I picked out two or three things that are very obvious. But, provide adequate funding to develop a sound, scientific basis for management decisions and fair implementation of the integrated management plans. The task force believes that adequate funding is essential if the proposed program is to be successful both in avoiding such