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that he said. We've talked about the General Fund. Yeah, it's a general issue. Like I said, it's a statewide issue, not a western Nebraska issue. It's an Omaha issue as well; it's a Lincoln issue. A lot of this \$4.7 million was thrown out there before we saw the most recent forecast and before we, you know, started really digging our claws into the Boyd County deal. The other piece of the quandary, I think, is can we actually get started with this, and I don't know if it's a rhetorical question or not, based on innate or natural funding mechanisms that are already in place in this bill? My guess is not, because most people said that we couldn't and, based on what I've read, ...and I did read the bill, by the way; I'm not sure I understood all of it, but I did read it...is that sufficient enough to get us started on this? The Governor believes that it wasn't. The Natural Resources Committee believes that it wasn't. Most of the task force, if not all, believed that it wasn't, so we're going to have to deal with this, addressing the quandary this way. Since I believe it's one of our governmental priorities, or one of the priorities we have to deal with,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FRIEND: ...it needs to be funded, to the best of our ability, based on my philosophy, within what we've got to operate with. Because I'm base...I'm basing on the philosophy that I don't want to be at the end of this session going, oh yeah, more to sales tax and more to income tax. I feel that way just about all of our priorities, so how do we deal with it? Senator Redfield and I have been talking about some specific things about the fiscal note. Maybe Senator Schrock can speak to some of this, but I think that he would vouch for the idea that the dedicated funding mechanisms were pretty crucial to most of the members on the task force. Obviously, before we move forward, this is a difficult aspect, before we move forward in this journey, it's got to be resolved and we...it's got to be resolved, I believe, within the framework that we've got to work with, and not banking on extra revenue at the end. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Friend. Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Loudon, Schrock, Erdman, and