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SENATOR BOURNE: ...before we advance it we should iron out the funding source.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of FA1513. Senator Wehrbein, followed by Senators Loudon, Jones, Schrock, Hartnett, Erdman. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm going to give some...and the body. I'm going to give some time to Senator Schrock to answer Senator Bourne's questions. I'm going to repeat, I believe in the water bill, and I think it should be done, and I believe \$2.5 million is better than \$4.5 million...or \$2.5 million is better than nothing. And I'll let Senator Schrock answer that question. This is one of the reasons we, in the...our committee, we were divided. That's the reason the A bill is here with the options left. I truly believe we could advance it from General File to Select and work out the financing once everybody understands the budget, Senator Bourne. Maybe some do believe it ought to be financed with fees. That's a battle that I didn't...I wasn't in at this point. I understood that the Environmental Trust Fund would not look unfavorably, or would look favorably, maybe I'd say, to voluntarily financing this out of the Environmental Trust Fund, but they don't want to be told to finance it out of the Environmental Trust Fund. The state of the budget is, as you get into tomorrow afternoon, and actually the briefing will be tomorrow morning, is such that I don't think we ought to take any more risks than we have to about using General Funds. And if you've looked at the preliminary numbers, we are essentially even this year we're in right now. And starting this next fiscal year, July 1, we don't have a lot of flexibility. And so any money that can be saved, whether it's \$1 million, \$1.5 million, or whatever, I think is significant. That's part of the reason, if I may, that we were looking at the low-level nuclear waste issue and when we should raise that money. It's looking ahead. A lot of this is anticipatory. And so I...the issue there is, if interest keeps climbing at \$6,750 a year...or a day, \$6,750 a day, to me that's significant over a year's period. So, I mean, we're fighting in our committee for twos and threes and \$500,000, let alone millions. So anything that