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over to Select File. The amendment that I had filed that I asked to refile on Select File takes the \$2.5 million each year out of the Environmental Trust Fund. At this point in my life, that's where I want to be. I hear what Senator Beutler is saying and some of what he says I can't...I don't disagree with. I...we are going to start the debate on the budget tomorrow and I think everyone needs to better understand the situation of the budget as it is, and so appropriate this discussion then can take place on 9...on Select File. So I'm supporting this but I want you to understand it's over till we get over to Select File and to see how the budget discussions go and from that standpoint. So it's temporary support, if you will, Senator Beutler. And with that, I'm going to support it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Further discussion on the Beutler amendment, Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I do not support this amendment. I think that the obvious place here is the Environmental Trust to fund this project. I recognize that Senator Beutler, in a sense, is attempting a compromise here, but I would do the compromise differently. I would say, going out, the first money spent at the state level would be Environmental Trust money rather than General Fund money, simply because the General Fund money is not there. So I won't support this amendment. I would have supported Senator Wehrbein's amendment, which I understand him to say right now he doesn't support but, nonetheless, I support it. I think that's the appropriate way to go. So, thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Further discussion, Senator Schrock, followed by Senator Beutler.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator...Mr. President. Mr. President, Senator Raikes, you bring a good point. This issue isn't going to be settled here today. I'm going to support the Beutler amendment. I thank Senator Wehrbein for doing so. We all recognize this is going to be further discussion and this isn't the last say on the issue. I understand what you're saying, Senator Raikes, but I wish you'd reconsider. We do need to move this A bill forward and \$1.5 million is less than \$2.5 million