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funding mechanism, and rather than let a similar fiasco like the ethanol situation arise, I think I'll leave you hanging in suspense because I'm going to run out of time but I'll put my light on one last time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Wehrbein, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I voted last time to advance the A...the amendment, Senator Beutler's, on the A bill, because I felt it was important to get some moving along in our process. I indicated that I wasn't supportive of it necessarily; that is called temporary support, if there is such a thing. It had \$1.5 million in it. The A bill as it reads right now has \$2.5 million and \$4.5 million in it, General Funds, which I absolutely cannot support. I am willing to advance LB 962A in order to get this moving forward so we can move on to some other things this afternoon, because with the few days that we have left, we have a lot of things that are not going to get done. I was supporting Senator Beutler's bill because it would move the process along. In my mind, it's gone from bad to worse with LB 962A, and I don't know whether you intended to pass the bill as it is, or whether you're waiting for Environmental Trust which is my amendment. I debated about putting it on here on General File. I decided to wait until Select File, which would be my preference, Environmental Trust Funds at Select File. I'm also willing to accommodate Senator Beutler if he and Senator Schrock have some other alternatives, but I simply do believe the most important thing is to advance this A bill before noon, so that we can move on to some other things. And so I'm going to vote accordingly, realizing that my neck is stuck way out on 7...7...6 million dollars of A bills, 7 million. But I think it's important to advance it and we will have the battle, the war, whatever it is, on Select File, as we...after we have done the budget debate which starts tomorrow, perhaps all day, and one will have a better grasp for the budget, what it does to the General Fund, where we have to go to find the money; whether it's going to be fees that most of you don't want; whether it's going to be Environmental Trust which many don't want; which is going to be General Fund, which many don't want. We have some consensus to