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SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. Including...I understand the \$2 million to the mentally ill, but the \$1.5 mill'on was part of the executive branch discussions as well?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. But we don't know what the impact on the affordable housing community...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I think it was felt that that money is not being totally used, so that there was some...there was a little play there that we could utilize for this period of time. When I say permanent, I don't...there's still a \$9 million balance in the housing fund.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay, but didn't they...I thought that they kind of...the people building those projects scaled back those projects when they lost their funding, or lost that (inaudible).

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I am not current on that particular issue, Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I'd have to get you more information. But we have felt that this did not seriously impact the ability of that to operate over the next few years.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. Okay. And I understand it goes to the General Fund, and I understand that we need to provide some housing for those individuals that may be...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...released. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne and Senator Thompson. Senator Maxwell.

SENATOR MAXWELL: Thank you, Mr. President. I just need about one minute, and after that I'll yield the balance of my time to