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Intergovernmental Trust Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services; \$5,420,000, a intergovernmental transfer to Department of Health and Human Services on July 15, the previous one was May 1 of 2004, so one is in this year, one is in next year; \$80,000 from the Intergovernmental Trust Fund to the Attorney General Child Protection Cash Fund and \$80,000...on May 1, and another \$80,000 on July 15, these for attorneys in the Child Protection Cash Fund. It also directs the State Treasurer to transfer \$5 million from the State Lottery Operation Trust Fund. If you recall, talked about that yesterday. That is from unclaimed payouts in the lottery fund. They have up to six months to collect. These have not been collected. This money has been in this fund now for several years, I'm not sure exactly how long. There's still additional money in that. This is a one-time taking of this, of \$5 million in this case. This also expands the fiscal years for which the Education Innovation Fund shall be allocated to the General Fund. That's 2005...for the next two years. That, in essence, is the fund transfers where we are taking money from various sources, as I've named, to go into the General Fund or to go into specific cash funds for the use of...I guess they're all going into cash funds except for the lottery operation, which goes to the General Fund. I would take questions.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. You're now recognized on the committee amendments.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And I was discussing the, Mr. President, I was discussing also the amendment, as I've had, and I'm looking to see if there's some additional comments I haven't covered. Right offhand, I don't see any. We did get some money one time from excess cash funds from the Fire Marshal also, and that's \$964,634. I believe that's all I have to add on that at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, obviously, as a member of the Appropriations Committee, I support this bill along with the other bills that