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systems that are interested in reorganization some up-front money to help them cover these initial costs. Now, we've still got a ways to go in terms of...although we do have a proposal in committee that would provide...spells out the amount of reorganization incentive per system and how it would be divided and so on. And I don't intend to press this amendment, but I do want to make the point that I...and I guess maybe a way to say it would be that this is not totally free money. This is not \$4 million that there's no other good use for. I believe there is another very good use that relates to education for at least, well, at least \$1 million of it. And I wouldn't...I should back up on that. I think there's good educational use for all of the \$4 million. I think an urgent one that we need to consider right away is one dealing with reorganization incentives, and a million dollars of the four would be very helpful in that. I will also, back to another issue on the handout, I did not put the lottery transfer on this, this handed-out sheet. This deals only with healthcare-related cash funds. And I forgot to mention that I counted very heavily on Liz Hruska to come up with this sheet, although it has enough of my fingerprints on it that if there's any mistakes they're probably mine. So with that, I will stop. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Raikes, your light was on next. Do you wish to continue?

SENATOR RAIKES: No.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: All right. Thank you. Chair recognizes Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members. During the conversation, the dialogue, between Senator Chambers and Senator Wehrbein, there was a discussion with regard to these LB 1083 funds, or initiatives, and there was a discussion with regard to the outlying years and the fact that this may be a General Fund appropriation. And I just felt a need then to turn on my light to make us clear with regard to LB 1083 initiatives in particular, that these are one-time bridge...to bridge community services one time only, and that the use of the Health Care Cash Funds would be...and I'm reading