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regard to specifically LB 1083 initiative, we're not philosophically, looking down the line, looking down the road, we're not looking at additional General Fund expenditures. And if Senator Jensen would want to speak to that, he can. I'd yield the rest of my time. Thank you, Lieutenant Governor.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you. And thank you, Senator Synowiecki. You're absolutely right in that it is one-time funding, except for the documentation situation, which would be ongoing, and that is for continuing EPC, which is needed throughout our state. But the other is one-time funds and it would not require General Funds in the future. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Synowiecki, thank you. (Visitors introduced.) The Chair would also announce that the doughnuts that are being distributed are in honor of Speaker Bromm's 29th birthday. The Chair would now recognize Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I listened to the exchange between Senators Synowiecki and Jensen, but my concern goes beyond LB 1083. It goes to the question of how we propose to fund ongoing initiatives which get their start based on drawing money from existing funds. Those funds are not going to be available forever to fund these programs. Senator Wehrbein said that starting in 2005 the General Fund is going to underwrite at least some of them. The General Fund is a term that does not mean magical production of cash. It's just a repository. It's a place where revenue that comes to the state is placed, and appropriations can be made from that fund to take care of business, the operations of the government and other things that are designated to be paid for from that fund. But the money does not come from Santa Claus. It does not come from the Easter bunny, and it does not come from any magical source. But it is drained by the Grinch. The Grinch is always there, ready to take money out of the General Fund. Right now, we don't have as much money coming into it as is needed to pay the costs of these programs, so funds are being plundered. That's my term.