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SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, at least for myself, Senator, I'd like to say I'm interested and would...certainly would consider doing what's necessary to help you with that.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I yield my time back.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Bourne, followed by Senators Wehrbein and Chambers. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, I want to continue along with the parity argument that I made earlier. And, yes, I agree with Senator Beutler, we have taken a few millions of dollars out of the Environmental Trust over the past couple years when we've had budget problems, but if I remember right, and I'm going to ask Senator Raikes a question in a second, if I remember correctly, we took pretty much all of the money out of the Education Innovation Fund about the time all of our budget problems started. So that fund hasn't been funded, to my knowledge, in quite some time. And then I know we took some money out for some scholarship funds. Would Senator Raikes yield to a question or two?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, would you respond?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: Senator Raikes, is that a fair characterization of the money that we've taken from the Education Innovation Fund, that there's pretty much...it's been taken?

SENATOR RAIKES: That's right, Senator, particularly the innovative grant part of it and some of the other mentoring programs and so on, yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. And again, I'd say that, you know, these are legitimate uses, going into the General Fund or the scholarship fund like you did last year. They're legitimate