

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

March 19, 2004 LB 1091

hands are stronger than those that open your hands, so they stay locked on those two wires. The current passes through and the machine begins to run. But as soon as life leaves my body and the stimulation from the current can no longer make the muscle relax, my hands open, the wires, both pieces of wire are released, the current...the circuit is broken. And even if the generator continues to hum, the machine no longer works. What we're being asked to do is to fill that gap...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in that wire with a momentary expedient. This that we're doing is like a conducting source to complete the current. But we are not repairing the break. The only way we can do that is to replace that piece of wire, and the only thing that will replace that piece of wire is an increase in this income tax. If you want this machine to keep running--and Senator Wehrbein has told us that these initiatives are to keep running--and the generator is the source of the motive power, but what's running from the generator can't get to the machine, it's not going to work. Well, what will keep the generator running is a source of cash. The generator is the General Fund. And if we don't put something in that General Fund, we can forget everything else. This is like a shell game. Notice I didn't say sham, I didn't say trickery. Everything is out in the open for everybody to see it. But when you see what it is,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...you can see it is not responsible. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, let me say a couple of things about the Environmental Trust. First of all, Senator Bourne, I think it's unfair of you to make innuendos about the salary of the director and the staff of the Environmental Trust without having specific information. Her