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that point we can begin to obligate the taxpayers, but not until. I think that this is a...the cautious approach, and it does one thing that I would never do and that would be to tap into the road fund. I don't know of anything that we need more than good roads. It was said that General Sherman, after the war, was in Texas, and he said that the only thing that Texas needed was water and good citizens, and he says that's all Hell needs. Well, the only thing we need is good roads. We've got water. We've got good citizens. So we're ahead of the game but we don't obligate them ahead of time and we do one thing and that is build the roads upon which our economy depends. And on that, I would yield the balance of my time. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Are we on?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Sorry about that.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it's nice to serve with someone who is forward thinking. I think Senator Brashear fits that category and I like his creativeness. Now this may come as a shock to most of you who aren't involved in agriculture, but if you're part of a farming operation that's growing and trying to be aggressive, you borrow money to purchase livestock. You borrow money to purchase machinery, and, yes, you borrow money to finance the next piece of land that you might want to buy. Most farmers who have been successful have done it on some portion of borrowed debt. I think this is one of the most creative things I've ever seen come forward in the Legislature and I commend Senator Brashear for that. Now this may come as a shock to you, but I took the time to go to the Department of Administrative Services and we have 380 entities in this state with cash fund balances, and the total of that, there's 380 of them have cash fund balances and the total amounts to \$530 million. So the state has entities in the state with cash balances of \$530 million. That's money just sitting there. I took the time to write down the ones that have over \$5 million, and I'm going to tell them to you. The Enhanced Wireless Fund has \$7.4 million. The Election