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peace that I'm offering to Senator Foley. And I can't think of a bill or a person whose bill I'd rather have him do it on than Senator Landis. Thank you, Mr. President. (Laughter)

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

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members. Senator Landis, would you yield for a question?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: The section which speaks to the Contractor Enforcement Fund creation, is this...is this a new identity in law or...?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes, it is, and it's designed to hold the fee for those contractors who wish to try for the preapproval mechanism and to get the Department of Revenue to declare early that it is a tax-exempt or taxed project.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Are these fees ultimately returned then to the contractor, Senator Landis?

SENATOR LANDIS: No, they're not.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: So let me...help me understand.

SENATOR LANDIS: Yeah, they're not.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: So essentially, the contractor would pay 500 bucks to get an opinion or an okay from the Department of Revenue as to the "exemptness" of a project.

SENATOR LANDIS: There are two...yes, and there are two other ways in which they could go, depending on what kind of contractor they were. As a general contractor, they would have one other option, which is treat it as taxed, then secure a refund once it proves to be exempt. If you're a new home