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one of the purposes to be rental assistance. We'll pull that out and put that in the 30-cent designation fund.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Redfield, how could money be diverted from this fund to help with what has been called the financial crisis if the money can be used only for the stated purposes that relate to the fund?

SENATOR REDFIELD: Senator, when we were in the budget crisis, there were a number of transfers from funds that had monies sitting in them. This is not the only fund that was raided during that time and they were transfers. And they were adopted by statute by the Legislature.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think something should be put in statute to guard this fund against similar raids and then the only way such a raid would be possible would be to strike that language and make it crystal clear that this fund is being raided?

SENATOR REDFIELD: I lost you there. I thought you wanted to put in language that would prevent it from being raided.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right.

SENATOR REDFIELD: And I would support that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I'm saying if at a future date an attempt was made to do that, the only way it could be done would be to eliminate the prohibition to allow the raiding. Then it would doubly call attention to the fact that this fund is going to be put on the chopping block also.

SENATOR REDFIELD: I would support that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Currently, Senator Redfield, such a transfer could take place this session if we chose to do it.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Yes, it could and that's troublesome.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Redfield, would you be in favor of a