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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes, I'd be glad to.

SENATOR RAIKES: Senator, the question about the \$5.7 million for the transponders.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes. I have verified with the Fiscal Office that the funds for the transponder will go until the year 2010. And this...if people will recall, we had two things that happened with public television, and the two things cost a lot of money. One of them, we had a satellite that was slowly sinking in the west, and we had to go to a new method in that respect. And at the same time, we had the digitization process that was required and mandated by the federal government. And they're in the throes of doing that. So in order to finish out that project, it will take until the year 2010.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: And that's been separately bonded, by the way, to meet that need.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. So tell me, these reaffirmations that the committee recommends, how do they compare with what the Governor proposed in his budget?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I think...I believe they're the same. Yes, the Fiscal Office tells me they are the same as what the Governor had...

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: ...proposed.

SENATOR RAIKES: So there's agreement between the committee and the Governor on that recommendation.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes.