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money, as you may call it, was with the school lands that are being acquired, to help develop some environmental use of that land. And so this would restrict their ability to carry out what would be a long-range program of improving the environment generally.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If they're talking about school lands, what can be done with those school lands?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Well, it depends upon the land itself. Some land lends itself to improvement for environmental purposes, for setting aside for general improvement.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Will this be lands that come into the possession of the outfit that controls school lands, or will school lands be transferred to the Game and Parks Commission, if you know?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I...it's my understanding that some of that land would be transferred to the Game and Parks and that it would then be utilized for the purpose I've mentioned.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why does Game and Parks accept money which...land which it doesn't have the money to properly take care of?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Well, I think that's one of the responsibilities that we tried to put on them is to do those things necessary to improve our lands, and...

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: ...in this respect it would have some benefit to the general public in doing so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, this money that I want to take can be used for other purposes then and the Game and Parks would have that money they got from the Environmental Trust Fund. Isn't that correct?