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Senator Smith.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I can save you \$29,999 right now. I can save the state that much money. The parking needs are, for Senator Mines' and anybody else's edification: We need more, so let's go find some. That will be \$1, Senator Mines. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Friend. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I would like to get into a little bit of discussion with some of the senior members that are here, maybe Senator Beutler, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, are you present? Yes, he is. Senator Beutler, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I suppose.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you. Is there an agency of the Capitol, a Capitol agency, that is already looking into the problem? I know we have a problem, and they are considering this in the future. I've been in discussion with some group. Do we have something that's working on it right now?

SENATOR BEUTLER: As part of DAS, Senator, there is a...I'm not sure I'm using the right terminology, but there is a group that deals with parking. And they have a special fund for it, and they do the planning for parking into the future. We have just recently acquired a new parking lot on the east side of the...what was the AT&T building, over here on the east side of the Capitol. We've got some new parking there. There may be a small space for some new parking a block down directly from...on the east axis of the mall. So there are people that work with this. But apparently they've indicated that they need some money to study it. I'm not up to date on that.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Senator Beutler. This is the concern that I had. You know, are we pumping money into