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Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Smith. You've heard the opening on FA303. Senator Redfield, you are recognized to speak next.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Madam President. Members of the body, I rise actually to oppose the amendment because technically it will not work. The distributions throughout the bill actually are addressed in a number of pages, and to just strike 25 cents on one page of the bill in one reference actually technically will not work, because we will have distribution of more funds than we will have collected. So, Senator Smith, if you're serious about this, this bill will not...or amendment will not work as it is currently drafted. So I would rise to oppose that. That certainly was not part of the deal that we worked out and so I would respectfully ask him to reconsider whether he wants to go forward with this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Bourne, you're recognized to speak next.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Madam President, members. Would Senator Redfield yield to a question or two, please?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Redfield, would you yield?

SENATOR REDFIELD: Yes, I would.

SENATOR BOURNE: Senator Redfield, I've always supported the Affordable Housing Trust and, as a matter of fact, we all have had many defeats on the floor of the Legislature, and one of the most stinging in my mind was when I tried to overturn the Appropriations Committee's decision to take a certain amount of money out of that Affordable Housing Trust. I think I was here...I had been here a year or two, and it was just at the start of our budget problems and I think I had three or four votes to try to stop them from doing that. You and I had a discussion on the floor, and I know Senator Chambers was involved as well on General File. My concern is, is that the