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talks about the problems with privatizing of this granting of authority to a private company who didn't have training, didn't have experience, didn't have personnel who knew what they were doing giving these lead-based paint funds out in grants. A hundred and sixty-seven million dollars' worth of these funds were improperly and incorrectly appropriated. And HUD is not going to go back and redo any of that for this year. So we just now have the confirmation on that. It's unfortunate. And Omaha did get caught in the middle of that. We're attempting, and I thank you for your vote yesterday in adopting the amendment. This is simply the transfer of those funds to provide them to continue these programs for...until the next grant cycle will come in. It's transferring \$300,000 from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Fund, not the Housing Fund, into the city of Omaha's Lead-Based Paint Remediation Program, to prevent children from being exposed to the hazards of lead-based paint. If there are any questions, I would be happy to answer them. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. You've heard the opening on AM1692. Open for discussion. Senator Schrock, followed by Senator Flood.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I wholeheartedly support what Senator Preister is doing here. I'm sorry I missed the proceedings yesterday. This has been an ongoing problem. I don't think anyone knows or realizes how much damage the lead in Omaha has caused to the citizens of that municipality. And the cleanup and the federal money that's due to help with that issue has been...we've been waiting far too long for it. And so what Don is trying...what Senator Preister is trying to do is just to tide us over until they can get their house in order in Washington next year, and hopefully then the money will come through. And it is a Superfund site. It needs to be cleaned up. And it is more of a federal...I would consider it more of a federal obligation than a state obligation. But considering the botch job they've done on their grants, I think this is only appropriate that we step in and put a little money into this program, until the federal funds arrive. And so I wholeheartedly support what Senator Preister is doing here. And sorry I missed the proceedings yesterday.