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of your amendment, starting in line 17, where we're talking about costs related to the issuing and servicing of mandated project bonds.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: I'll answer...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...to the best of my ability.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, before I ask you the question, is the issuance of bonds the only way that these mandated projects can be paid for?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I would assume they could use it from existing streams of revenue if they have excesses.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But if they did not have sufficient revenue coming in currently, and they were not going to issue these bonds, the only way they could get the money would be to raise rates? Or is there some other way that you know of?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I'm not sure, Senator Chambers, if they have a line of credit at banks where they could borrow instead of getting the bonds purchased. I'm not sure about that. But the logical way would appear to be the bonds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If they had a line of credit, we know that credit is not extended free; there is a cost.

SENATOR SCHROCK: It takes collateral.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would there be an interest payment involved also, when that line of credit is tapped?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes, it is. And the less collateral you have, or the less income-making, or the...the less income-producing capacity you have would make the line of that credit higher, so you'd have to pay higher interest rates.