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with this deal, with this type of teaching mechanism. I think it's...if this Education Innovation Fund, if it's the one I remember rightly, when it first started, it was kind of a joke, because at the time, there was money given to some of the teachers that were supposed to be in excellence, and usually the money went to the school and it didn't follow the teacher. Consequently, usually the teachers that received it were the teachers that were there the year after one of the better teachers had perhaps left. So, in its early days, it was a problem with the way the thing was implemented. And this is what I hate to see, something like this come around and do the same thing again with some of our money, especially when you're working on this taking away from the distance learning. I think that's quite more important probably than attracting excellence in teachers, especially when you're considering it to be loan forgiveness or a scholarship fund, however you want to call it. So I, myself, oppose this amendment. Senator Smith's amendment I think will probably be all right. I don't know whether he intends to take that one to the end or not, but the amendment, the AM2721, I don't think is what we need to do at the present time and I, myself, would suggest that we oppose this or else have it rewritten in better shape. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Loudon. Further discussion? Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD: Mr. President and members of the body, I do have concerns about this amendment. Number one, lottery funds are not constant. We do not know years ahead whether we'll have the dollars that we have today. That's one of my concerns. As I'm looking at this bill, it starts in 2006-2007 at \$250,000 to be transferred to the Attracting Excellent (sic) Program Cash Fund...the Attracting Excellent (sic) or Teaching Program. The next \$1 million shall be transferred to the School District Reorganization Fund, and the amount remaining in the Education Innovation Fund should be allocated, after the administrative expenses, for distance education and equipment. That's my concern, because what has happened is, through the State Board of Education, we are requiring more of our schools to use distance learning because they don't have the resources to access all of the education needs for our students. So it puts