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SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Sorry.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Would Senator Thompson yield to a question? When she's available, I'll...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Is Senator Thompson available? Oh, I'm sorry, Senator Thompson. Did you...would you yield to a question, Senator Thompson, from Senator Smith?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you. Sorry.

SENATOR SMITH: That's all right. I apologize. Senator Thompson, to your knowledge, is the commission still intact that looked at grants and how the lottery dollars for education are utilized?

SENATOR THOMPSON: You know, I've never been on the Education Committee and I...I'm not familiar with that.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Are you aware of any efforts to fund your program through the competitive process with the commission?

SENATOR THOMPSON: No, this is state law and this is just the funding mechanism for what's in statute already.

SENATOR SMITH: Right. But some...I mean, we've had considerable input from constituents on how lottery dollars are spent and who decides what programs have merit and what don't, and what is an appropriately generally funded effort or program rather than a lottery funded. And so I'm just trying to get a grasp of what already has been done on a competitive basis, because I can tell you that I'm intrigued by the objectives of the Attracting Excellence to Teaching Program. I'm just trying