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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Madam President. I'd like to clarify a few things. Number one, it was, as you could probably tell from my opening, with great reluctance that I brought this, because this was against what the Appropriations Committee had done. Appropriations Committee had turned this down, and yet, later, a method was determined as to how it could be funded on a one-time basis, giving Congress the opportunity, if it wished, to restore money so it would be a federal program again. And that's why the convoluted method of coming up with funding for this has been presented to you. It's a building fund lapse for \$150,000, an insurance fund lapse for \$312,000, so it makes a total of \$462,000 that would be the state's share this year. That's a portion of what had been asked for. They asked for \$800,000 for this particular program. So what we're proposing here would not jeopardize any more state General Funds, and it would give a sort of an edict to Congress: If you're not going to fund it, we're not going to fund it any more; this is it. So it's a one-time deal. Another thing that I think that we need to comprehend is the fact that these are done on the basis of grants. And grants are submitted, and then the local funding takes 25 percent of what is being offered in the way of funding for these programs. So it is a local participation situation. Senator Chambers had mentioned something, and so did Senator Thompson, about what are we going after with drug enforcement? And the Christian Science Monitor says that evidence is beginning to build that the approach to the war on drugs in the United States should be changing by shifting away from small-time drug dealers and individual users towards the major drug traffickers. So that's the way Congress looked at it. That's why they were evaluating this as a program in that respect. When our committee made the determination as to what to do about this, Congressman Osborne had written to me saying that he wished that we would reconsider, and that the state would fund this. And the sheriffs were...various sheriffs were notified that the state should pick up this responsibility. I wrote to Congressman Osborne, and shared this with the members of the committee, on February 15. And I said, thank you for