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called it the citizen safety fund. It had a revenue string of \$2.4 million, and that was for to fight violent crime. Now, with this Byrne fund, as you're trying to do it here, it's a one-time check. And what do you do with it next year? The bill that I introduced with the \$2.4 million revenue stream every year, what that...what did that was actually a .5 cent tax on your 12-ounce can of beer in the state of Nebraska. That's what it would cost you to have some type of a fund that could work on violent crime and use in these situations like this, if this is what was doing the good. So I think there are other ways of doing this, rather than a one-time writing out the check, because next year you're going to sit here and we'll work for...till 11:59 again, as Senator Chambers has mentioned, trying to get something like this to go through again, because there is no revenue fund, it's a one-time deal, and you...the problem isn't solved. So I think there's another way of doing this. If you think you got 30 votes and revive the bill that the Revenue Committee killed for me, why, you can revive that and you can come up with a revenue stream of \$2.4 million. With that, I thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Engel, followed by Senator Combs.

SENATOR ENGEL: Senator Cudaback, members of the body, I know...I serve on the Appropriations Committee, and I know we did not fund that...fund this particular item in the...in our budget. But the only thing is, I just want to talk a little bit about federal grants in general. That's the problem we're having again in our state and across the country. In fact, even our communities have problems with state grants. The grants come and the grants go. A few years ago, I think, President Clinton had a grant for a cop on every corner. Well, everybody just sucked that right up because it's free money, we can hire these policemen, more policemen. Well, then they pulled the money, and we still have the policemen, so we have another budget situation there. And this situation here, they pulled this money. And we're having a problem with our matching funds with Medicaid. This year was especially excruciating for the state of Nebraska, where we lost about \$21 million in federal aid for Medicaid. So those burdens keep coming back to us.