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the nail never wins against the hammer. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion? Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members of the body, I suppose I'm going to vote for this, but it doesn't really solve the problem I had, which is, what we're doing is picking up federal funds that have gone away, and here we are, going to spend General Funds. It takes nothing away from the use of these Byrne funds that we've had. But this is going to go on ad infinitum in the next few years, and I think we better start looking at that. It isn't going to be a concern of mine directly, I guess. But I am concerned about where this heads. And I'd like to ask Senator Flood a question, if I might.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Flood, would you yield?

SENATOR FLOOD: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Flood, if you know, where would you say this will be headed, if we put this money in? And this will take us how far into the next year?

SENATOR FLOOD: This gets us only to...I mean, the grants would be available the next fiscal year only, according to the amendment that I filed. This doesn't guarantee anything after this year, and I think, if anything, this gives the law enforcement community statewide notice, puts everybody on notice that these funds are at risk, and that every reasonable effort should be made to find more money for these multiagency drug task force.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: How long will...when...are you thinking October 1?

SENATOR FLOOD: Well, the funding would...you know, obviously, it would be based on who receives the grants. But \$350,000 isn't going to last very long, so I don't know how long the money would be available. But I don't imagine that anything