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would be left at the end of the next fiscal year.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN:    Do you anticipate coming back next year, then, and asking for more replacement? Would that be what you would...?

SENATOR FLOOD:    I absolutely hope we do not come back next year and have to ask for replacement funds. I hope that we come up...I should amend that. I hope we don't come back next year asking for General Funds. I hope we come back next year, or at least it's solved in the community, or we come back next year with a plan on how cities could either get levy authority to do something like this, or find additional federal money. Obviously, my preference would be that our congressmen work hard in Washington and bring home some money next year for programs like this. If that isn't the case, I think the cities and the counties need to be putting a plan together to find a way to generate that money or find the money in their budgets, so that we don't come back next year asking for General Funds. But I cannot predict what will happen next year. And obviously, I don't want to be back here in the same position, if I had to choose.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN:    I understand that, and I know you can't speak for next year, because if you don't, somebody else probably will. As I said, I probably will vote for this, because it gets us out of a bind that we're in. But I will say, the principle of mine was, we were replacing federal funds, and this doesn't solve that issue with me at all. And I'm afraid we're going to see it more and more, and I...somewhere it has to stop. I hope what you say will work out and there will be other alternatives. But we'll be in the same position in Nebraska here in another three or four years that we were three or four years ago. And with replacing federal funds, it takes us up...down a slippery slope awfully fast, and I am concerned about it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK:    Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Bourne, on the Flood amendment. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE:    Thank you, Mr. President, members. I was distracted by the senior member. Senator Flood, would you yield