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to a question or two?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Flood, would you yield?

SENATOR FLOOD: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: I'm looking at your compromise here, and I'm comparing it to Senator Pederson's earlier amendment that dealt with the Byrne Grant, the Byrne funds. And it appears that he had taken the \$500,000 out of Program 39 (sic), which was the state capital improvement fund. And yet, as I read your amendment, you've taken the money out of the General Fund, so it would be an additional reduction in the General Fund of \$428,000. Is that accurate?

SENATOR FLOOD: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. Is there a reason that we didn't do it the way Senator Pederson did? Obviously, as a member of the Appropriations Committee, he looked at that, the capital improvement fund, and decided that we could do without a half a million dollars there. And I'm just curious. And again, you might have discussed that with Senator Wehrbein, but I'm curious as to why you took it from the General Fund and didn't duplicate what Senator Pederson had done regarding the capital improvement fund.

SENATOR FLOOD: No particular reason. We simply, when we put the deal together, we just said, well...you know, in talking to Senator Chambers and others, they asked me where it was coming from, and I said the General Fund. I'm not opposed, if Senator Pederson is okay with it, to having it come out of the capital building fund. There was nothing special about us picking the General Fund.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. Thank you, Senator Flood.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Further discussion? Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator