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thing. And we, as a committee, were very concerned about the way the federal government has handled these matters in the past. They think this is a wonderful idea, they fund it, and then they drop it and we've already got it going. And it really puts a burden on the state to do it that way. That's why we want the past, present, and future use of these funds. And we didn't commit any money. This was in the form of intent language. We just wanted to know ahead of time what's going to happen. And that kind of fits in with what Senator Schimek is proposing here so there will be an entity. But we wanted the Legislature to have some oversight as to how this money was going to be spent.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And that was the concern in the Government Affairs Committee. And one of the things that struck us, and I think it should strike everyone, about the fact that there was lots of money came into the home...into this state, \$79 million. I'm not necessarily being critical of how it was spent, although I think you have to recognize that this money came from the federal government, had nothing to do with the legislative process. And I would probably say that it was spent somewhat differently...it might have been spent somewhat differently if the Legislature had been involved in it versus not being involved. It was a program. I don't want to take away from the seriousness of homeland security and what it's to do. But it seems like what we're proposing in this committee amendment would be wise, especially for the future. That's an awful lot of money to be directed by one side of the government equation, if you will, of the form of government we have to be directed totally by one side. I'm not saying...I'm not implying that there's anything wrong at all. I know we've had a pretty good report about that, but there has not been any involvement by the Legislature to speak of, I don't believe even the Appropriations Committee, for the last few years since this money has poured into this state and the way it was spent. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Mr. Clerk,