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were getting that homeland security money. Some of them were doing things that were a regional approach and looking at the way to make a network that would eventually be statewide. Others were not necessarily doing that. Now in most cases, I think that there was a pretty good decision-making process on the part of this Homeland Security Policy Group that already exists in terms of how they structured the way that those grants went out so that it did have some semblance of a system in place. But we, as the Transportation Committee, were struggling to figure out what the state obligation for funding is when many millions of dollars was going to local, I mean many millions of dollars of grants were going to local entities; and we didn't fully understand what the implication that had to our state system development. And by virtue of the sort of knock-down-drag-out fight that took place about it, we became aware. But should we not be aware as policymakers of what this stream of money, what the implications that that has for our state as a whole. And so that's the reason, that's one of the most clear examples that I have and one of the reasons that I support the underlying bill with LB 940 because we have to know as we're making state level decisions about \$79 million, not just the money and the implications in the future of whether that money might go away, but what it's doing to develop systems and how the state needs to be involved with that money. And it's better if we have a little bit more communication. Now I fear what might happen if we have too much communication about some of what the policy group does, which is to review plans, security plans in various industries. That I wish us to have...to be fairly hands-off about. But in terms of how the interrelatedness of the feds, the state, and the locals in terms of being able to respond to emergencies I think we've all seen very clearly we need to know at the state level what the role is and what we're doing in relationship to the feds and what we're doing in relationship to the locals. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Further discussion of the Smith amendment to the committee amendment, Senator Erdman, followed by Senator Smith and Chambers.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. I was wondering if Senator Schimek would yield to a question. I see that she's in