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some areas here I don't know about. But I think this is a fairly serious issue. And I'd like to ask Senator Baker a question if he's here, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Baker, are you...he is available. He's behind you, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Now I'll go back to kind of a sore spot, Senator Baker. As Transportation Committee Chair, the last few years we spent an awful lot of money on radio, wireless, and communications across the state. How much input and influence has your committee had on what happened with that \$79 million in the last five years?

SENATOR BAKER: I don't have a lot of frustration. We've been in communication daily almost at times with the various agencies, NEMA and so on, as to what they were doing and how it fit in with the various communications issues we were handling within the committee. And it's actually been quite amiable and coordinated with them quite well.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And you felt you had adequate knowledge of the way the money was spent and the policies decisions that were made within that framework (inaudible)?

SENATOR BAKER: Yeah. I've been comfortable with the position that the administration in this case is taking. The grant process and so on we were included in a lot of that and also what legislation we were developing with statewide interoperability of communications. I think the line of communications...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BAKER: ...between the various, the Homeland Security and NEMA and so on and the other agencies involved has been good.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Do you think maybe we have a position on here of the Exec Board appointment would include Appropriations and Government Affairs? Do you think it would be proper or