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of thing. That's my concern, that's my issue. And once again, I emphasize futuristic. But there was a major policy made, I believe, in the past using this money that may or may not have happened if that hadn't been for federal funds. And as I said, I lost that battle and I accept that. But that shows that those kind of decisions can be made in the future and may or may not be with the consent of the Legislature unless it's put in statute, because there was good communication as I understand and good cooperation and that's great, but that doesn't necessarily mean it will happen in the future.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. So adding two legislators to the working group is what you're suggesting will prevent mischief into the future.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: At least we'll be made aware, which is more than we have now. And they're nonvoting, so you can see it doesn't mean that they're going to have a direct implication, but at least they're going to know what some major policy changes might be, if there were to be,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...and at least being made aware. And if they're on Appropriations and Government Affairs, perhaps they ought to be on Telecommunications, which is a big area of this area, then there at least is going to be an awareness that all the money, for example, will be concentrated in one area of the state where most of the voters are for something like that. That's the issue potentially.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question before the body is, shall debate cease on the first division of the divided question? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. Voting on