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So if you're looking for the \$2 million or so, I don't see why that it can't be taken out of the state aid formula at the present time,...

SENATOR BAKER: One minute.

SENATOR LOUDEN: ...if that was worked over some. Time?

SENATOR BAKER: One minute.

SENATOR LOUDEN: One. And I think that as far as the funding for this education program such as this, I can support that. I would like to see the funding done different, and I think there's room in the education formula to fund this without going into the state Board of Educational Lands and Funds, because when you do that, then you are taking it away from rural areas and using it into your larger urban areas where these facilities are. At the present time, Head Start can cover a lot of this, if we look into it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Louden. Senator Brashear.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I'd like to...we've made a record here and now I'd like to clarify some things. You know, it's not a good sign when I have to clarify myself, but let me try to make it crisper. First of all, you know, surplusage is in the eye of the beholder. But when the eye of the beholder is the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, why, Senator Don Pederson can call anything surplus he wants to, and if we can live without it, we will. So we support the amendment by Senator Pederson to delete the language. That's the first point. The second thing is, and enough of you have come and asked questions and I thank you for them, I think it's important to try and make this very graphic. We're not taking any money out of any of the fund. This is really all about calling a portion of the General Fund something for a short period of time and getting the interest only for the purpose of this bill. And that \$2 million worth of interest will produce a \$5 million private contribution. That's a 250 percent gain that we can live with. Then that's over. That ends in July, what, July 1 or June 2007. Then that goes away.