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SENATOR BROWN: I do, and that's why I said that I have not decided whether or not I would vote for your amendment, because I do believe that it puts the Legislature in the partnership role. So that was the reason...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I did pick that up, but I wanted to be sure that nobody had the impression that the language of the amendment attacks the Legislature. That's why I took the approach that I did.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And all the things I said, prior to my questioning of Senator Brown, I mean. The process is in place. Nobody can show that what...at least, nobody has attempted to show that the way the board has functioned has gone contrary to what its mission is. What is being attempted is to show that when the funds were plundered, they somehow were used in accord with certain goals, but the Legislature did not like the process by which money was to be sent to accomplish those goals, namely, the grant process. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Fischer, followed by Senator Wehrbein and four others.

SENATOR FISCHER: Thank you, Mr. President and members. First of all, I would like to thank Senator Brown for her comments. I, too, feel, from my understanding of what...how the money was used in previous sessions, that it was an appropriate use of those funds for environmental purposes. Secondly, I was wondering if I could please ask Senator Raikes a question, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, would you respond to a question from Senator Fischer?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR FISCHER: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Could you tell us about the educational part of the lottery and the fund that was established there? I believe it was called the Excellence in