

body, I guess I didn't vote...I passed on moving this bill from committee because I didn't understand it. And I said at that time I would like to have some...hear some of the debate on the floor, maybe understand it better. I think what I've found is I'm probably more confused now than I was. There are couple of questions that I really don't understand, and it has to do with the funding source. One of the...one of the...I guess Senator Moore isn't here right now. I wanted to ask him a question, if Senator Moore...oh, there's Senator Moore. Could I ask you a question? One of the things that you indicated was that if this were required, A bill funds, or required funding from the body, that you'd have to make that decision. I guess my question is, and I'd like to have a yes or no answer if, in fact, there aren't enough funds to go around, do you make the decision whether these funds are available, or do you have the option to not fund it if you decide and, therefore, the bill would not even be funded?

SENATOR MOORE: Maybe I don't understand the quest...I...I think the answer to your question is, I don't know if it's a yes or no question. But, obviously, if you pass the bill, it authorizes the leveraging of the funds and authorizes the expenditure of the funds.

SENATOR VRTISKA: In other words, the funds would be there.

SENATOR MOORE: The funds would be there,...

SENATOR VRTISKA: No question.

SENATOR MOORE: ...and they would be spent in the bill, in LB 520.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay, okay. I just wondered if, in fact,...then I have a...thank you, then I have a...

SENATOR MOORE: In years to...I'm trying say in years to come, in years to come, if you didn't want to do that, you'd have to...it would be statutory, you'd have to go in and change the statute if you wanted to spend that money on something else.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay.

SENATOR MOORE: So it's nothing...it's not a decision that could be made by...in an appropriations bill there would have to be a