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more of this fund to that purpose. But at least the money is there, \$2.8 million is not going to be much money, as you know, dealing with the massive problems out there around the state relating to this.

SENATOR VRTISKA: My main question centers on...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...then who's going to have...who's going to make the decision whether more of those funds are dedicated to one area than another, do you have any idea? Is that going to be the Department of Environmental Quality or who?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, the Department of Environmental Quality right now would be making that decision with respect to this fund. The Environmental Trust Fund, that decision with respect to those monies would be made by that board that we just appointed.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, I guess I'd just like to for the record...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Those are all questions for discussion in the future as we watch how this plays out.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I would just like to let the record show that there is a tremendous need out there for some of these communities. As I said earlier, some of these small communities have been using a so-called dump for so many years, and now they are going to have to do something with them, and some of them are in areas where it is going to take a tremendous amount of money, and I am just wondering how much...I'd just like the record to show that I think that's a need that we need to address, and Environmental Quality should be aware of that and start to make some...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...probes into the issue and determine if they can, in fact, dedicate some of this money for that purpose. Thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: A point well taken.