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SENATOR ASHFORD: There would be a parking, enhanced parking at the Henry Doorly Zoo.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would they base that on how much they take in in terms of tax revenue?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Do you mean what is allocated to what?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yeah, would they not engage on the parking facility for the zoo until they have expended the total amount necessary to renovate the auditorium?

SENATOR ASHFORD: The answer to that, Senator Chambers, is that 2 million is to be allocated to the parking, the remainder would go to the auditorium renovation.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if the remainder, first of all, if the projections are inaccurate, if they understate the amount that comes in and not enough money is raised to renovate the auditorium, what happens? Where do they get the money to renovate or will they junk that process...that activity and use the money for something else.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Senator Chambers, that's a...

SENATOR CROSBY PRESIDING

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...that's a good question. I think the answer though is that there is no reasonable expectation, based on all their...what I have been told that that would happen, that there will be sufficient monies coming in to do the basic renovation, and if there are some things at the end that can't be done, they will have to be done out of general revenues, but what's really helped is the parking part of it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, one thing, can you think of a project of this magnitude which did not overrun what they said it was going to cost, by the time they had completed it? And maybe off the top of your head you can't?

SENATOR ASHFORD: I can't probably think of one but...

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. Senator Vrtiska, you are next on