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which the feds required, we would be thus able to continue the program at least to the extent that it has been going just as we've been doing.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: So...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And that's what we have wanted to do. We are going to maintain the program using General Funds instead of the cash match into the future.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: But what does maintaining the program mean? Does that mean training additional...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, it may not necessarily mean additional. They would be able to continue the level that we're doing.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: See, you just about had me swayed until...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...you just told me that because the...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, even in keeping the program won't add additional like it is. If we were to keep just as we are going...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No, I understand that.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...doesn't add additional.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I guess what my feeling about it is, is this is a very good program. It's a quality program and, you know, if you can't tell me that it's going to actually fund the training of more people, then I guess you're going to have a hard time convincing me that we ought to get rid of this program. If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, it isn't...we're not getting rid of...may I take your time?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, please.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: We're not trying to get rid of it because of that, it's because the federal government has said that we must use General Funds to match and cannot continue to use the Cash