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or contributions should be decreased. During contract negotiations, employees can make a decision to increase benefits or decrease contributions, if they would like. I think that's important to remember. And then also I wanted to...I have some numbers here that indicate that when the state fund went from 1.8 to 1.9, that actually entailed about \$250 million to \$260 million, and that the COLA, which they did not have before, was a much higher number, but it actually ended up costing about \$600 million total, as opposed to a billion. And Senator Wehrbein pretty much covered a lot of what I was going to say about, what if there was a market decline. And I would reiterate that there are funds that are more than ample to cover, and that the fund is diversified and the holdings include domestic holdings, which are large, mid and small cap stocks, and they are both growth and value; they also hold bonds in both government and corporations; and real estate in both retail and industrial; they also have holdings that are international, which include large, mid and small cap stocks in growth and value; bonds in governments and corporations; and they're held in both stable countries, which are Germany and France, et cetera, and also growth companies such as other countries like Korea and some of those areas. Again, I would want to reiterate that this is money that is in the pension fund which both teachers and service employees have contributed to in Omaha. This is not tax money, this is...there's not a penny that comes out of the state tax funds. And it's really important to insure that both teachers and service employees have an adequate retirement benefit. This is one thing that will help us keep teachers in the system, and that is if their benefits are good. And part of what they look at is whether or not the retirement benefits are good, and I believe that this will help us encourage teachers to stay in the system. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kiel. Senator Bromm, there are no more lights, did you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. And just a couple of closing comments. I think that there is no question but what this has been a goal for quite some time to get to the 2.0 factor. I think that there probably will be a time coming when,