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prepare the budget next year there is some attention paid towards the retention and recruitment of minority and women. Again, there is a consequence of putting in new money. There will be those people who, if you look down the sheet, there are other things out there. But at this point in time I plan to vote for it. It's probably a better source of success than what my amendment was, although I like the reallocation from the point of view that it doesn't spend additional monies. I do plan to support this amendment and would be happy to answer any other questions that you may have as it would impact at least the university system, as I understand it at this point in time. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Chambers, on the Wehrbein amendment to LB 1217.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I did my finger pointing, lambasting, blame-laying yesterday. That's not what I intend to do today. I want to express appreciation to Senator Suttle, as Chairperson of the committee, Speaker Kristensen, and especially Senator Wehrbein, who this morning was meeting with university people to bring us to the point where we are today. And there will be discussions with the Governor to ensure that this new money is not vetoed out. As I did state yesterday, my approach was never to punish the university, it was not to cut funds, it was to redirect. This is an even better way because they are cut close to the bone in terms of what they're getting overall in their budget. This amount, that I was talking about redirecting, could have hindered the very effort that I want them to undertake. So what I have assured Senator Wehrbein that I intend to do, and I'm just going to be blunt on the microphone this morning, is to monitor very closely what the university does with this money. This gives me a hook that I can sink deeper into them. And I'm not going to lay on the entire Legislature the responsibility that I ought to assume, since it's an area of deep concern that I have. And I'm going to want from them specific information in terms of how they spend this money because, if an expenditure is made, they will know what that expenditure was for, and they can share with me what they have done. I want them to know that if there's anything I can do to assist them in reaching these standards, I'm prepared to do it. I do believe that the