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and candid with you, to submit this amendment to make sure beyond any doubt that LB 914 does not in fact extend...provide an extension of the two-year time limit for ADC benefits. I had represented the issue as confining the twelve months to within the two-year time period, and the drafting seemed to indicate that I actually...we adopted language that would provide an extension beyond the two years effectively giving a bye to the ADC recipient for twelve months. Therefore, I am introducing this amendment. If the body should so choose to adopt it, that would in fact not extend the time period which an ADC recipient would be eligible for benefits. However, I will say this. If this amendment is not adopted, what we do is we provide an extension not unlike several that are provided for already in statute that exist for the welfare recipients. And if it's not accepted, it still saves the state \$1.5 million a year even if we extend benefits. So it's up to you, but I did want to try to be as honest and direct with the body as I can. And I didn't...and I felt bad that I somewhat misrepresented what the actual wording said due to a drafting error. And I wanted to have the opportunity for the body to correct that and go ahead with the original intent of LB 914. With that, Mr. President, thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. You've heard the opening on AM3332. Open for discussion. Senator Wickersham. Senator Wickersham waives off. Senator Brown. I do not see Senator Brown. Senator Raikes, your light is next.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I'd like to ask Senator Hilgert a question. You spoke about the fiscal impact and what this amendment does would reduce the total time eligible for a person to 24 months as compared to your first amendment. Is that correct?

SENATOR HILGERT: Well,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: ...yes and no. Let me explain, Senator Raikes. The original...the statute as it now reads without anything being adopted is 24 months and then there's a list of extensions. My amendment of which we adopted a couple of days