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governments function, how rulers and leaders behave. A wise leader is one who does what is necessary to preserve and strengthen the state and maintain its integrity. What the Budget Committee, the Appropriations Committee has done is left the foggy realm of Plato's nonexistent real...republic, where you talk about what you wish, what you hope, what ought to be, and that committee put its feet on the ground, looked reality in the face, did not blink, took a decision that they've presented to us. I'm in agreement with them. I am not opposed to people bellyaching and whining about what they think the repercussions may be. When time comes to...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...vote, however, that's when the hardheaded realism must come to the fore. We must look at the fact that we're dealing with an existing government. We are the instrumentalities through which that government functions and we happen to be the ones who have to take this decision this afternoon and cut this money in the way that the Appropriations Committee has suggested. So I hope there will be enough of my colleagues to endorse what the committee has done, not send them back to redo the same thing and bring the same matter before us...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...again.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. After hearing Senator Chambers, I rise as a nobody but with aspirations maybe. At any rate, I do support the committee on this amendment. I think they've made the right choice. I would like to review just a little bit my brief knowledge of this program and how it came about. And this is not somehow breaking faith with the taxpayers of the state. There were statements made about state takeover of community colleges and the desirability of that and those feelings are certainly...certainly appropriate, but it was not the reason for this program. That was not the reason it was