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\$36 million from us, and you're going to gain another \$21 million from a...from a tuition increase. So, I have no idea if there's any support for this idea, but based on the discussion that we had earlier this...this session on this bill on General File, seeing the fact that I voted against taking the money from the community colleges, that was the place to go and I knew, if I didn't designate some place and we would vote for this amendment, that there would be 48 of us or 49 of us arguing over where that \$21 million should go. So I designated that out. We can discuss that. And I would welcome any questions from the members. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Erdman. (Visitors introduced.) Debate on the Erdman amendment? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Erdman a question or two.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Erdman, would you yield?

SENATOR ERDMAN: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Erdman, I want to see if I have this right. You're taking \$10 million, how much, for the first year, and \$10 million, how much, the second year?

SENATOR ERDMAN: Ten million five hundred thousand for each year, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that would be a total of \$21 million?

SENATOR ERDMAN: That is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have you ever dealt with a budget that large in your life where you administered it,...

SENATOR ERDMAN: No, sir, I have not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...\$21 million? Have you owned anything worth \$21 million?