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ignored. That does fit within the context of what we're talking about here. The money that is being siphoned off through Senator Foley's proposal is money that could go to establish needs that are not being met. It has not been my experience in the time I've been in this Legislature to see the body willingly shovel a half million dollars, whatever the source of the money, to an area where no need has been shown,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...none whatsoever. Not only has no need been shown, but there is an overabundance of services and resources readily available to address whatever the need might be that somebody has tried to get money for. This process is one that should be given serious thought, and the process I mean I would break into two prongs--how the Appropriations Committee does its work, and how the Legislature then decides to derail that work. We are not going to throw \$500,000 toward anything else that goes against what the Appropriations Committee suggested. And...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...there are other things...oh, thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Landis, on the motion to reconsider.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. A debate about the merits or demerits of this particular amendment will I think fall on, if not deaf ears, ears that are listening to a different axis or dynamic than what's being talked about, because my interpretation is that this amendment is all about symbolism in the name of a program. It would be rare to give half a million dollars for a program that has so little documentation and support from the existing sources of assistance to children. It probably would have a different background and history. It would have probably come to us from a different group. It would probably have different people out in the lobby fighting for it if it wasn't the