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of a joke that I heard and I told it on Senator Ramey Whitney who used to be here.

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: There was this man boasting about how wealthy he was and how America being the land of opportunity provided that chance for anybody to be wealthy. He started by finding a nickel. He bought a pair of shoe laces and sold them for a dime. Senator Howard Peterson, he then bought two pairs of shoe laces and sold each one of those for a dime and he now had forty cents. Then he married a rich widow and was wealthy for the rest of his life.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I tried to make a number of points with regard to the amendment earlier and I touched just briefly on the idea that the bill is technically impossible. That it sets out no procedures in my opinion for implementing the suggestion that is made that state funds be used to pay for any increased cost, and in that regard I would like to ask Senator Peterson a couple of questions if he would yield.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Peterson, will you yield?

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Maybe I would just ask you generally, Senator Peterson, in light of the technical problems with the amendment, would you be willing to withdraw that part of the amendment?

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Chris, just let me say this, my opinion would be, and I am sure you are wondering how it would be implemented, my opinion would be that if a school board set in a new program and were forced to under this particular bill, they would come to the Legislature and say, hey, you guys finance this program. This is what you asked us to do and we are going to have to put a new program in. If that is what we have to do, then you finance it for us.

SENATOR BEUTLER: You are envisioning that the Legislature next year would pass a new bill to process these claims?

SENATOR H. PETERSON: That is right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And what, we have to set up a new agency to...?