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SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: But we'll still end up saving 1.6 to 1.7 million.

SENATOR ASHFORD: And in addition to that there will be federal match...

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SENATOR WESELY: That's right, the last...if we put in the 6 or 700 thousand, it will bring about \$1 million in federal money.

SENATOR ASHFORD: I am going, as I indicated, I am going to support this amendment at this time. I don't...I don't want to get us into this problem where this...there's a lot of emotion here, the debate is going on, it's unfortunate that we can't get a resolution here. And I know that this debate will probably prolong, even if we adopt this amendment. But that should not be a reason not to look cautiously and carefully at good public policy. And, hopefully, as I sit here talking to Senator Chambers, we can encourage him to see that he has caused there to be a good public policy suggestion adopted by this body if we adopt this amendment, so we can get on to other matters. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Chambers, you're next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I was in a very good discussion with Senator Schmit, and I didn't hear what Senator Ashford and Senator Wesely were talking about. But if any of you all have watched Star Wars, there was Darth Vader and there was this Obi Wan Kenobi fellow, and Obi Wan Kenobi had managed to slip into Darth Vader's Death Star. Darth Vader didn't see him, and he was talking to some of his guards and then he paused, and he said, ah, something I haven't felt for a long time. But he sensed the presence. Although I didn't hear what they were saying in words, I sensed that something was being said that was favorable to this bill, so I want to ask Senator Ashford a question. Senator Ashford, do you favor this amendment?