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that it really isn't worth all that hassle. It is not worth all that hassle to stop the whole body and to stop the agenda over possibly a one million dollar difference in these particular...in the amendment versus the bill. I think what the real problem is is that, one, the Governor is proposing a full cut, which, obviously, has a lot of political influence in how we do it, and I am not criticizing him, but, obviously, that is a factor; and, secondarily, everybody is falling all over themselves to see who can cut the most out of social programs. It is the trend of 1992 is how much we can cut out of social programs. The more we cut, the more backbone we have, but I would suggest to you that that is very shortsighted correlation, that we still have to be pragmatic, we still have to look at each program as it comes before the body. We have to determine whether it is a good program and what the costs are of changing that program. That's why we are delaying the optional cut issue until we have an opportunity to take a look at those optional cuts and see whether the costs have shifted to other mandatory programs so that we actually don't lose any money, or gain any money. So it is time to get over this hurdle now. It is time to break the logjam. It is time for the Legislature to take over its own agenda and not try to be overly influenced by those outside the body. We know that the Chambers amendment is not that bad a public policy. It really isn't.

SENATOR CONWAY: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: It is not that bad. It isn't a full cut. It is a three-quarters cut, but it leaves intact a program which, if properly managed, and Senator Crosby is talking about a voucher system, that is properly managed, has some good public benefit to it, and it could, in the long run, cause the...prevent cost shifting into other mandatory Medicaid type programs. I don't know how much and nobody here can say how much, but let's break through the logjam and let's get on with our agenda. There are other reva...there are other cut proposals out there that we can look at, that we can...that possibly could make up this shortfall, the difference between these two bills, but let's get on. This is not worth it. It is not worth it to keep the body sitting here all week over this difference between the Chambers amendment and the Lindsay bill, and I think the middle ground that this body needs to take over and make some decisions that will get us going.

SENATOR CONWAY: Time.