

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, Madam President and members of the body. I did not support this amendment the first time around, and after Senator Pedersen explained it a little more clearly, I would support it. Actually, the dollars do not come from the General Fund and the administrative costs, although it seems high, right now there is no cap on administration so it could even go above the 50,000 dollar figure. I think it makes sense, the administration is needed to administer...administrate the entire program. Therefore, I would support Senator Pedersen and the amendment to 275. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President. This is an amendment that I supported the first time around. I think it has been thoroughly explained, that the fact is that it probably makes more sense to put a dollar limit in there as opposed to a percentage limit. I think that's what Senator Pedersen's amendment does and I would simply ask the body to support this amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I, too, was one that opposed this amendment the other time it was before the body. I came to more clearly understand Senator Pedersen's intentions and that it will, in fact, place a cap in the law for administrative expenses contrary to what currently existed and I support the amendment. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen, and seeing no further lights, Senator Pedersen to close on your motion. It is the motion to return to Select File.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the Legislature. I hope that if you had any questions that you would have asked them. I will mention, just in closing, that this puts in statute how much they can spend, and it cannot be changed just by appropriations. It would...to spend more than this would bring them back to the Legislature and you people in this body would have to make that decision. Thank you.