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benefits of this retirement do not deserve it. I'm sure that they do deserve it. But it's a matter of priorities, it's a matter of more or less buying into a compromise that apparently has been struck and obligating or more or less the intent would be, I think, for this to be a permanent appropriation in future times, in future years. I don't feel at all like we should do that at this point in time, that we need to get through this session, we need to see where we're at with the tax situation, we need to be very, very cautious about imposing any additional expenditures on the state as well as the local subdivisions. And I also ask the body to consider that. And some times you have to stop, even though this isn't a tremendous amount of money, even though the people that would receive it would deserve it, you have to ask yourself at some point, where will I make the hard decision. And I think on this particular situation I have to, I have to perhaps draw a line. And I ask you to consider your position on it. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Wickersham, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Are you aware of whether anybody has introduced a bill since the HELP fund was created to eliminate it?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: To eliminate it. I'm...

SENATOR MAURSTAD: To eliminate the HELP fund.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I'm uncertain, Senator, I really don't know.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay. Is there, is Senator Bohlke on the floor by chance? Is there a member of the Education Committee...

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Bohlke. Senator Bohlke's there.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Great. Senator Bohlke, are you aware if there's been a bill introduced since the creation of the HELP