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didn't have to do it this year, but now I think probably to go back at this point after we've already said we wanted to go ahead to the 80-85 percent, then that would be wrong and it would give those...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, we made the commitment a year...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ..people a wrong message.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: We actually made...excuse me, I didn't mean to interrupt...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ..on your time, but we actually made the commitment a year ago to raise it in...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Oh, okay.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ..two steps.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: So this is not...this is not a new commitment on our part. It's continuing the commitment we made a year ago.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That's right. I remember. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Avery.

SENATOR AVERY: Thank you, Madam President. Again, I think my...the intent here is not, as I had stated before, I had supported, and the pay equity standard. The thing is look at it realistically. There's likely over 2,000 workers out there and the amount of dollars that we're talking about to give, I support the idea. The idea is that we need to maybe put enough in there to do some good. My point is that it's important. This isn't just a political year amendment. I'm really...I guess I'm concerned about the kids. There's those out there that are needing services that don't have it and I think that it's very important to make sure those that don't have service get some service. That's why I am proposing, and I think the \$1.5 million spent might be better spent on the process of giving some services, and that's the discussion I wanted to make