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SENATOR CHAMBERS: The hand that feeds is the hand that controls.

SENATOR JANSSEN: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I may get another chance to speak and I may not, but thank you, Senator Janssen.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, thank you, Madam President and members. I support LB 243 but I would like to see some changes made in it. I think Senator Janssen has a good bill but I think we need to put some kind of a cap, as Senator Landis stated. Whether...I guess I would like to see like a one million dollar cap, it couldn't go over that. I don't know how you'd do it, in two or three years future, but I could live with the, say that we wouldn't spend over \$1 million. If you read the A bill, you'll notice that it gets up to over one million. It eventually goes, in case they would increase, to almost \$1.5 million. I think it could get probably two million, but if we would pass this bill with maybe a one million dollar cap, I think it would take of their concerns immediately. It would take care of the future growth. And if they had more people than that, then they would have to just cut back on the actual percentage. So if we put the dollar cap, rather than the other, so many people that could get it, I think it would be more fair, and just let them then use the dollars where it would be needed. But this bill, I think, needs to be moved on this morning, and we need to work out a compromise, it needs to compete with all the other bills that are up there, and maybe we will find out, once it gets to the Final Reading, that there is just not enough money. That's happened before. So, but this bill is important enough that it needs to be moved on, and once it gets there I think Senator Janssen, I would urge him to try to work out some kind of a compromise, but I could live with something in that one million dollar range per year. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Wehrbein.