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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...those are state benefits; you go over here. Yes, people get run around, but, you know, after a period of time there are advocates, there are people that are out there. And that's what I was talking about, people falling through the cracks. There are going to be people that don't know it that need some assistance. And so I...I mean, I think you need to work on a better delivery system but...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. I do support the Chambers amendment, but, you know, every five dollars means something to somebody and pretty soon, you know, how many more five dollars can we stand on to our present fixed income? So I do have sympathy for all these people who are on a fixed income, maybe only receiving five or six thousand dollars a year. It's tough to have another five dollars per month tacked onto that, so anything we can do to relieve that, why, appreciate it. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Beutler, on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Crosby, members of the Legislature, I certainly support the Chambers amendment and I also note in the written materials that it's possible for the state to do more with regard to the Lifeline Program, should we choose to direct more funds in that direction. And I wanted to ask Senator Bromm and Senator Kristensen if they would respond to a couple of questions. Senator Kristensen, I'll ask you, since you're close to your microphone.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And I just want to be sure I understand correctly the overall...the overall subsidy program that's represented by Lifeline and universal...universal service. Under the Lifeline Program, roughly speaking now, I'm not interested in exact numbers, but roughly speaking now the totality of that, given the number of recipients, between 13 and 14 thousand, and the amount of money they could be getting, I assume that the totality of that subsidy has to be less than a million dollars a year.