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body. I also rise to strongly support this. It is a large amount of federal monies that we can access through this legislation, and I encourage you to please vote for this. There is no additional state match that will be required from this and we really do need to access this money from the federal government. We pay a lot of federal taxes and we do not get all of our federal taxes back that we pay in, and I think we should. Whatever we get...whatever we pay to the federal government we should access to get back in benefits to this state, and it will help us in the long run. And, Senator Pederson, if you need any more time to further talk, I would give you the remainder of my time. Thank you.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Pederson, there's four minutes remaining.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I don't really have anything to say at this moment. Perhaps if anyone has any questions, I would be glad to respond to those.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator Janssen, on the amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. Senator Pederson, I do have a few questions to ask you. I think now is as good a time as any to get them out, even though this is an amendment to the amendment. So if Senator Pederson would respond, please.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes, I will.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Pederson, what...how many dollars are we talking about that could be available here?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: It's been estimated, based upon what other states have done, that there's approximately \$10 million that we are not accessing that is available for this program.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Why weren't we accessing this? Do you have any idea why? It was something that was...it was not discovered by our Health and Human Services Department?