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think it's very important to...to understand that. And I think the point that Senator Jones made is one that's important, is important to consider also, but I again want to support the amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Senator Byars. Seeing no further lights, Senator Pederson, do you wish to close?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes. Madam President, members of the body, just very briefly, I would like to reiterate the fact that we don't often run into those kinds of situations where we have a potential win-win deal. This is an opportunity that we have to allow schools to recover for what they're already doing. We're not getting in new programs. We're simply allowing them to be reimbursed for what they're doing. I think it's a shame that money of this nature has not been accessed to date. I think this gives us an opportunity to bring ourselves up to speed in the access to these funds. I would certainly ask your approval of the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Senator Pederson. The question before the body is the adoption of the Pederson amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye; opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Pederson's amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR BOHLKE: The amendment to the amendment is adopted. We are now on the committee amendments. There are no lights on. Senator Jensen, do you wish to close?

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Madam President. I'll just make a few comments. First of all, I want to express my thanks to all of the members of Health and Human Services Committee. This was a difficult issue that we wrestled with and trying to understand it, number one, and then to come up with an amendment and make recommendations. Also, then I want to extend my appreciation to Senator Pederson for his diligence in working on this issue and along with Senator Byars and the time that he has spent on this. I think it is good policy for the state that we're accessing dollars that are available without...with minimal cost by the