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not talking about Senator Wehrbein now but the ones who brought it to Senator Wehrbein, and I'm glad that he was willing to carry the bill. There are times when I'm opposed to the "Squire", but I will make my reasons for being opposed clear and he and I will just have our discussions, wherever they lead us. Sometimes he can sway me, but there are also other times when, because he is the Chairperson of the Appropriations Committee and we know he is not the person who just reaches as deeply into the state's pocket as possible and whatever comes up in his hand he just flings it out there because he feels good that day and he wants other people to feel good. We know that's not his disposition; that's not the way he operates. So at least you know, by virtue of him carrying this amendment, it's not plundering the treasury and it is not something that is inappropriate. It was in the bill originally and it was taken out. Next time, if I'm not too busy, I will try to find the opportunity to question the people who should have the greatest interest in an issue like this, in which I also have an interest, to find out why they are doing what is being done. I did not do that the other day. I was under the impression that enough people were watching this situation to have made a move if removing that language was not helpful. But we do have the opportunity on Select File to correct things. The budget bills all moved rapidly from General File and I doubt that any of us thought the bills would move that rapidly and smoothly once we got to Select, and this is one of those opportunities to smooth out something that needs to be smoothed. I explained to Senator Pedersen that I intended to support the reinstatement of this language. He does have another amendment coming up though which I will support and that amendment is going to take something out of the budget.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized to close on your amendment.

**SENATOR WEHRBEIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I'll be very brief. I think you've heard a good discussion on this. I recognize it may be a little difficult to decide exactly where to go and I think there are some things to be worked out, as Senator Pedersen said. I would simply urge you to support this at this point. We have the money in the program. The programs are being set up across the state. Many are set up across the