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knew that there were substantial cost overruns in this program that they should have or could have told us something about it before we adjourned in June? Do you think that an administrative decision that was made in January of 1998 could have been changed administratively if we knew that there were very large cost overruns in this program? Or do you think we should have waited a year before we knew anything at all about it? We're now confronted with cost overruns in a magnitude of \$13.4 million. There's a proposal to use federal funds to offset some of those cost overruns. Maybe that's appropriate. We're being told if we don't change the policy that was made administratively that we will face another cost over...we will have to increase the budget for this program by another \$14.9 million. I can tell you that, quite frankly, I'm just more than a little bit grumpy about this issue because I don't think we were told what we needed to know a year ago. Now maybe that isn't a reason to squash something this session, maybe that is a reason to do something this session. But I'm torn between the idea that somehow we have to legislatively constrict, restrain, and atomize a program that in the past we trusted to administrative decision making probably for good reason. How difficult is it...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...to constantly bring bills back to this body to change various aspects of this kind of a program? Why can't we trust administrators and administrations to effectively carry out programs without putting every dot and comma and restriction in place in the statutes? Why shouldn't we be able to do that?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Jensen, on AM2861.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I did want to explain a little bit about how we got here and, Senator Wickersham, I understand where you are. And I have been struggling, ever since becoming Chairman of the Health and Human Services, to wrap my arms around this behemoth and try to figure out where we are and, one thing, I hope this study will allow us to do that. And, to tell you the truth, some of the figures on