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on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I've had a few off-mike conversations here and I guess I have to say, Senator Bohlke, that you just expressed what I am feeling about this in terms of a study needing to come first. And I guess I've got...actually have an amendment prepared here that would strike Section 1 and change a little of the language in Section 2, but I'm not certain that Section 2 even delineates for us the kinds of information that we probably need to have in order to make a good decision. We've actually got a number of issues here that are underlying and, of course, the one that people have talked about here is the one regarding whether this should be a legislative decision or an administrative decision, and I don't know about that. You would like to have some flexibility. On the other hand, you don't like to get hit with the huge number increases here without any prior knowledge, and certainly I think there should be some way to address that. But I'd like you to think about what it would be like to maybe just remove the provisions of the bill and do a study first. And I agree with Senator Bohlke that what Senator Beutler and Senator Jensen are proposing are certainly improvements to the bill, but I don't think we would still know exactly what impact that those provisions would leave us, and we don't know exactly what the cost would be either. It's all...it's kind of a guessing game at this point. I really would like to see the study come first. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Those senators wishing to speak to the Beutler amendment to the committee amendments to LB 1407 are Senator Hilgert, Brown, Dwite Pedersen, Chambers, Jensen, Crosby, and Senator Bohlke. Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I'm going to have a question for Senator Jensen in a minute, but let me set it up a little bit. I believe, and this is not an area of great knowledge on my part so correct me, Senator Jensen, when I give you an opportunity to answer a question for me. The ADC recipient has to have a self-sufficiency contract assessment and part of that requires adult members of the recipient families to engage an individually determined number of part-time hours in