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SENATOR HILGERT: We don't have a definition of special needs. Okay. Well, occasionally...thank you, Senator Jensen. Occasionally the process is to try to make a bad bill better, so adopt as many amendments as you can to make the concept more palatable should it pass. That's frequently how I vote. But, frankly, on this, I am against the committee amendments. I am for LB 1407 in its original form. I would certainly like a study done before we make these...these changes, so I'm going to be certainly watching very carefully to see how the debate goes and see how many members have concerns about this. Senator Bohlke said that there's a terrible cost and that's true. To help, at least me, in the debate substitute the word "cost" for "need." Oftentimes when there's cost there's obviously the need. So when we say that there's a terrible cost to this program, I might ask the body to consider substituting the word "need" and saying there's a terrible need for this program. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Senator Brown, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, I am supportive...I am speaking to the Beutler amendment that is before us and I am supporting the Beutler amendment because I think it clarifies even further our role in this, which is to say that, yes, we...we believe that it should be the policy to pay up to 185 percent of poverty. And so I think that, for me, I have to take this in pieces because there are pieces that I still have questions about. I think that we're going to, as we move along in dealing with the amendments, be able to come to some conclusions. I want to separate out the pieces that are...that I think are legitimate legislative policy decisions and then the areas that are administrative and how we...how we manage those pieces and give flexibility so that we are...we are assuming the appropriate...our appropriate role in policy. And I think that determining whether we want to pay up to 185 percent of poverty is an important decision and so I strongly support Senator Beutler's amendment that is pending because I think that that is...makes it very clear that that shall be the policy of the state. And then, as we move into further discussions about how...about how to structure that, I think we're going to have