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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and you're great; but when it comes to somebody standing in front of the classroom then we can't find any. I do not buy it. They did not take it seriously. Any gambler will tell you that I'm not going to risk \$3.6 million against one. I hope, if you have any questions, you will feel free to put them to me.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. We are now discussing AM2982 to LB 1217. Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Chambers, I need to ask you a few questions. I...this is a substantial amendment. I don't know whether people appreciate the gravity of what is being done here, is that you're talking about taking one percent of a total budget here and making it a...in effect, it could be a bigger penalty clause than it is. Could you, for this \$3.6 million woman, I assume that that's because that's all that we have, but that's a substantial sum for one person, whose salary may be \$40,000-\$50,000. Could you help me with...with where we're...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Or even sixty, seventy, or eighty thousand. I'm...what I'm saying is...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: It could be.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...what they stood to lose they could have easily put forth the effort and hired a person. I don't think they're aggressive. So I might be missing your question.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Well, no, the question's coming and I want to make sure that we understand where we're at in this process. I have read the intent language that we put in some years ago about the benchmark. Is...is this they're one person off thus far? They're anticipating that they're going to be one person off when they...when the final benchmark is reached? Just could you help me with that?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: They missed...they missed the mark and what they're trying to say is if you average in prior years then you get above the 12, you have 12.3. But the reason that doesn't