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that I am doing everything I can to be reasonable. Not only do I want to be reasonable, I want to seem to be reasonable. And to reduce that amount by more than half could make it appear that I've been totally put...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to flight; that they should, under the law, lose the \$3.6 million. And some people thought I was going to insist on that, but people don't know me. They don't know anything about me, really. They know what I allow them to know. They see what I allow them to see and they cannot always predict what is going to happen. But I'm going to support Senator Kristensen's amendment for the reason the he gave and some of the rationale offered by Senator Suttle.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Wehrbein, on the Kristensen amendment to the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members of the body, this is a difficult situation for me because I understand what Senator Chambers is saying and I also, I will say frankly, I think a million and a half new money in this area is too much. And I don't know...I don't know where to go from here because I think Senator Chambers has a valid concern. I've just been informed they're spending about a million and a half now, so if we go with the amendment, which is better in my mind than the 3.6, but essentially we're doubling, but my real point is I don't know how we're going...that's a lot of money to spend for recruitment, and I think there's just going to be a high risk of throwing some of that money away in order to...to do that. I...I need to find some common ground, and I don't know whether Senator Chambers has any more to offer on that. I wish this was not on Select File, that we could work something between now and the next stage of debate and I don't know how to go about that without delaying all of these bills that we have this afternoon on the appropriations process, let alone the other bills behind it. But if we had a little more time to think where we could get a little more detail about what this money would be used for in recruitment, if there's about a million now...million and a half being spent now we could decide where they're...where that money is being spent--if it's airline tickets, if it's flying