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across the country. If there as a way to find some way to get at some realistic numbers, I would be supportive and I don't know how to get at that. I threw out a figure of \$200,000, which apparently wasn't too popular, but it is short of a million and a half. I don't know what the right number is and that's why I'm at a loss. I really can't see doing a million and a half, frankly. Perhaps \$200,000 is too low. But there needs to be some understanding of where this money should be spent because, as I...I repeat myself, there's a high risk of just wasting it. And I think some things could be accomplished. The really important point in my mind is that things could be accomplished for much less and I think the message would still be sent that we are serious about minority and women recruitment and that there should be something done, but this is quite drastic and I'm searching for some other solution that perhaps they would...someone else would be willing to comment on. But I simply think it's too much, the million and a half.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. We are discussing the Kristensen amendment. Those wishing to speak are Senators Bourne, Brashear, Bohlke, and Suttle. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. This quota system, I guess, was put into place prior to my coming to the Legislature, so I guess the majority of what I know about this I've gleaned from the newspapers, and you know you never can believe everything that you read in the newspapers. So I was wondering if Senator Suttle would ask...or answer a few questions.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Suttle?

SENATOR SUTTLE: Yes, I will.

SENATOR BOURNE: I read in the paper where you are a Chairperson of a minority...Gender and Minority Committee, Special Committee in the Legislature.

SENATOR SUTTLE: That's correct.

SENATOR BOURNE: Now this...the quotas that were put in place regarding minorities and women, that legislation was enacted in