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discussion yesterday, for all the turns and twists and ups and downs that were involved, served a very worthwhile purpose, because they will see that the Legislature is serious about this issue. The law is in place, and according to the law they could have been cut, but the feeling in general throughout the Legislature was that they should not lose money. That indicates that the Legislature, I'm speaking as a whole, collectively now, not talking about me as an individual, the Legislature wanted to be merciful. I had put their neck on the chopping block. I had raised the axe, and in the same way that the angel came and stayed Abraham's hand when he was going to stab his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice, some of my colleagues came and said, Ernie, stay the axe, there is a way we can do this other than anybody losing his or her head. And I think, through the work of Senator Wehrbein, the assistance of Senator Suttle, Senator Kristensen, the comments on the floor, that rationality has prevailed and the right thing is going to be done at this point. I view what we're doing this session as a stopgap in this regard. It takes us through this period where I make one interpretation of how the university has performed, they make a different one. Now everybody knows precisely what it is that we're looking at. They know what is expected of them. And I have confidence that, when that university knows what is expected of it, that it will do the right thing. But I want them to know that my axe is not going to lose its edge. I hope I never have to swing it. And I hope the university will succeed, because that is far better...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...than the kind of discussions we had yesterday, far better than me having to constantly prod them. If we get the diversity among the faculty members, everybody is benefitted, everybody, as will be the education system itself. And that's all I will say on this amendment or on the bill while this amendment is pending. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I've been listening closely to this and it is my understanding from the conversation that there is great support for this amendment.