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give special recognition, increase the nature of the benefit for higher quality or more accredited programming of child care. As a general rule, I think that's a really legitimate goal, and if there are 25 people who will stick with the bill, no, there'd better be 30 people, if there are 30 people who will stick with the bill with those terms, that's okay by me. It is at this point in the session that you start thinking in terms of what will fly and what won't when we finally cross the finish line. We now have a feel for what the green sheet looks like. We have a feel for what the budget committee is doing. Senator Suttle's measure will, because it adds years at the end of this, affect the ultimate cost and will give the Governor all the more ammunition. On the other hand, the Governor doesn't need much more ammunition to veto this piece anyway. I want the maximum number of bricks I can carry on my back across the finish line, but I don't want to have too many bricks that I collapse two yards in front of the finish line, and this is a brick. It's a brick because it adds cost ultimately, and it creates more difficulty with the executive branch. My initial reaction is that I am going to vote against it, not because I disagree with any part of the elements of this amendment, because I like the concept, but because I think it makes it more difficult for me to cross the finish line. However, if there are 30 people in here who will be with child care credits with this provision and stick it on this amendment, I will be thrilled to carry LB 925 with AM2504 because I don't have any disagreement with the underlying concept. I just don't want to collapse two yards in front of the finish line. So as a body, I'm going to look up here and my concern will be, if there are 30 green votes to put this amendment on, swell. I'm going to ask, hopefully, I'm going to...I'm going to hope that you're going to be with me there all along the way, Final Reading, and should it come veto time, that this will be at least an indication of where you might be on that case. If that's the case, terrific, I'll be happy to accept the Suttle amendment. I just want to get across the line that which I think is doable. LB 925, with some amendments for definitions, in its current form I think has a chance of doing that, and I'm going to be...I'm going to be wary of taking too much baggage in an attempt to get the bill passed. So I'll be voting red only because I think it makes it more difficult for me at the end of the session to get LB 925 passed in the face of the work of the administration. But if I've