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issues as everyone sees the issues. I am reliably informed that the Appropriations Committee is dealing with this issue and has thoughtfully and deliberately dealt with it, deliberately dealt with it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I won't...

SENATOR BRASHEAR: So you...and I'm trying to hint that they might be able to provide you more information.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I picked up on it. That's why I want to ask Senator Don Pederson a question.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Don Pederson, would you yield, please?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Glad to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Don Pederson, I am not privy to anything that the Appropriations Committee is looking at in this area. I looked at all these subdivisions and my intent is not to divide existing law but to bring an amendment to strike each one of these. On this particular subsection (e), has the Appropriations Committee taken a position?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes, it has.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And what is that position, if you're free to disclose it?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: That will come out in a couple of days, but the position is that what we did is that we terminated the MIRF program in two years and, in order to compensate for that \$3 million, we reduce the aid that go to the municipalities by \$3 million since the effect is the same. We'd already cut aid to the municipalities, but we cut an additional \$3 million. So we've effectively eliminated the concern about MIRF.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So that means this \$3 million is now going to be available for the state?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: What that means is that instead of going