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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you agree to restore those cuts in exchange for my agreement not to bother PEAP?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, as one person, that would be enticing to me, but I don't know whether it's yours and my decision.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's why I'm just asking you.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you willing to restore the cuts to the university if I leave PEAP alone?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I'm kind of committed to what Senator Raikes is proposing here. Whether that's an adequate compromise in your eyes, I am not sure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think we ought to be giving money to private schools while we're cutting money to public education, in fact the flagship university of the state?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, that's a difficult decision. The private universities have their place, Senator Chambers, in my mind, and I don't mind helping those individual students that go there on a reasonable basis.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And their place, in your mind, is at the public trough using public money...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...even though public education must be cut.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, these are need-based scholarships and I'd say that public education, as much as I want to support it, is not prepared to handle all students in this state, so I...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But isn't PEAP a program set aside only for those who go to these private schools...