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SENATOR BOURNE: Is that accurate?

SENATOR RAIKES: His amendment, and I need to look at it carefully to make sure I have this correct, would eliminate funding for the PEAF program for the school year beginning in the fall, or this coming fall.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. And your bill, again, eliminates PEAF in a year but then on a phase-out basis. Those kids that are going to school under these scholarships now can finish. Is that...

SENATOR RAIKES: That would be correct, yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: That's accurate. Which seems to me to be the better course of action if you agree that we shouldn't have these scholarship funds; that it should be, if we are going to phase them out, if you support that concept, it should be done over a period of time rather than in one fell swoop, is the concept behind your bill.

SENATOR RAIKES: That's correct.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay.

SENATOR RAIKES: That's the committee's position.

SENATOR BOURNE: Fair enough. I'm going to rise in opposition to Senator Chambers' bill (sic) simply because Senator Raikes has taken steps to resolve the situation in a manner that's, while it might take a few years longer than what Senator Chambers is advocating, it does it in a measured way...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...so that nobody is hurt. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Schimek, followed by Senators Stuhr, Chambers, Bourne, and Smith.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I