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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator Bromm. on the Schimek amendment, AM1343.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President, and, actually, Senator Pederson said just...said it very well. I think we are at that point on this particular portion of the budget bill where it would be my hope that we could stay the course. As difficult as this is, as it is, I think we should say no to these proposals and go on. And I think it will prove to be okay. When we have more money someday, if we find that this is something we need to restore, then it would be one of the first things that probably we'd all want to try to do, but I think we're at the point where we have to do this. And we have to say, no, and so I will not be supporting either of these amendments. Just a quick little sidelight here. People have been getting letters addressed to Mr. Schimek, or Mr. Price, or whatever. Lately, my mail has been going to Senator Stuthman, and I don't know how Wahoo and Columbus can be confused that much. But one of these outfits, about three letters in the last couple of weeks, I finally called them up and I said, how can this be? Wahoo and Columbus aren't that close together in terms of confusion. And I said, I don't really think we look that much alike. I said, I've got more hair than he does, and the person said, well, not much. And I said, well, I guess you're right. I said, well, I'm taller. And he said, well, not much. And I said, well, I'm thinner. And he said, well, we don't know about that. And so I said, well, just watch when we adjourn, I said. I always vote yes, and he always votes nay. And they said, okay, well, that's something we can identify with. So, anyway, Senator Stuthman, I'll try...I appreciate you forwarding the mail to me, though. I will be voting no on Senator Schimek's proposal and hope that she can understand that. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I, too, am going to oppose both amendments. Senator Pederson made some good comments, and I won't pursue them much further except that this is very typical of the difficult decisions we have.