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Committee is contributing to this, and obviously the Revenue Committee. And I can go through and I can talk about individual members of the Legislature that helped me arrive at the numbers here. Based on discussions that we've had either on General File or previous bills, there are things in my proposal that are higher than what was in the Appropriations Committee's number. But after, say, four hours of debate on the advocacy commissions, I thought the best approach would be to leave those at the Governor's level, which was to fund them. So there are some differences. Feel free to ask questions. And I welcome your insight in helping us to draft a compromise that I think we could all support. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman and Senator Mossey. Senator Wehrbein, on the Erdman amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members of the body, because it's quite extensive in terms of the broadness of this bill, I'm going to rise and oppose its entirety. A lot of it is because it's hard to analyze. This is the first I've seen, and it's hard to analyze in detail the depth to which some of this goes, versus some of the reasons that some of our committee... what we did in some agencies was raise back up. And so I simply say, it's easy to deal with this conceptually. You know, conceptually I could say we're going to cut the budget and go home. I'm not sure in here whether this takes into account salaries and health insurance within the agencies. I don't know how much time you want to take to go through it. I'm inclined to go through it agency by agency. I'd like to ask Senator Engel a question, if I might.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Engel, would you respond?

SENATOR ENGEL: Yes, I will.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: This additional cut in the Legislative Council that's being proposed, could you tell me the ramifications of that, Senator Engel?

SENATOR ENGEL: Well, I got to call in to staff to get exact figures. But if we have a cut like this in addition to what