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but I just wanted to let you know why we did it. So with that, I return my time to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Landis, followed by Senator Raikes, on the Raikes amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this appropriation is our best view on the impact of \$140 million a year in tax credits that we give out. Our last best vestige, understanding \$140 million of investment, is this amendment. Now the reason I say that is because we don't have another tool for analyzing the impact of LB 775 than the two computer programs that we have, and only one of them is under legislative control and it's this one. There...I hate to be one of those that says, gosh, there's got to be a better way to cut, but unfortunately that's the case here. I will tell you, I hope I've done, you know, my own contribution. The Revenue Committee normally has two legal counsels or a legal counsel and a special aide and we're down to one legal counsel, done voluntarily. I'd be happy to have that money go towards this end. I mean I'm with you in trying to cut back. I've done it personally. I haven't traveled in the last year. Good idea if we, you know, keep our costs low, but this is the last gasp of scientific understanding of the impact of LB 775, which is \$140 million a year of our budget. We ought to keep track and know what that means. I support the Raikes amendment. I urge you to do so as well. Without it, the only voices to tell us what LB 775 means is the business community, and they have a vested interest in telling us the outcome of that story. We don't get legitimate, down-the-pipe understandings, readings, computer programs analysis without this, and it will leave us to the mercy of a very self-interested faction if we don't have it. I support the Raikes amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Raikes, followed by Senator Beutler. Senator Raikes, on your amendment.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Engel raised a good point. If you're not going to cut here, where are you going to cut? And I think Senator Landis, for his part, began to answer that question. I would tell you the same