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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I'm not ready right now to (inaudible).

SENATOR THOMPSON: Okay. That's fine. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President, and I was...I mean I was impressed with Senator Brashear's description and I've always been very supportive of early childhood education programs. But I guess what I'm hearing from the Appropriations Committee, some of their representatives, and I think it's a legitimate question, is if we restore this funding then...my question then would be what about all the other aid programs that have been treated similarly? And is this justified to be replaced clearly over and above those others that are not restored? Those are the kinds of questions that, of course, we get into when we start singling out programs for restoration of the funds, and I think if we're going to treat this one differently than we are other aid programs then there needs to be a compelling case for that, and what makes this unique or different other than the fact that all...most all child...early childhood education programs are very worthy. But I'm sure that those programs for the blind and others are also very worthy. So I guess, unless I...unless someone can distinguish this, other than just make a case that it is a good program, from those others that have received similar cuts, I'm going to have a hard time breaking into the Appropriations' recommendation on this, so I probably won't support it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Don Pederson, on the Brashear amendment.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. Peder... (laugh) Mr. Pederson, that's me. Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I was just thinking about this proposal and let's harken back to the discussion we were having this morning about the appropriations process, and I think this is a great illustration of how difficult it was to make the cuts that we did in the appropriations process. We ended up, as has been stated, with a 10 percent cut in many, many good programs, but we felt that we