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But we're still not talking the dollars that could be expended from a situation like that. Thank you. I'll turn the rest of the time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Don Pederson, on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. President. In response to a question that Senator Chambers had asked about what kind of investment situation takes place with this fund, my ever-efficient legislative aide, Joyce, has brought to me the information that total income earnings in 2003 from that fund was \$3,464,000. And if you take away the expenses of claims and things of that nature, it was approximately \$3 million, I'd say, in net. So they are investing. In response to what Senator Janssen has to say about the Fremont situation, that is certainly one situation that would have to be considered. And it's a situation that probably dramatizes the need for an Excess Liability Fund for an individual practitioner. And it's matters such as that that I think mandate that we move forward with increasing the amount of that fund. And the physicians and hospitals in the state have recognized that responsibility and have gone forward. And in regard to the matter of the...whether we should or should not have caps for medical coverage, that was determined as to constitutionality by our Supreme Court last year. And that's not an issue involved in this particular bill. This particular bill, I think, stands on its own in connection with the physicians' recognition of the responsibility to their patients, and to make certain that there is a fund adequate to provide for those excess claims. So, thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. On with discussion. Senator Chambers. And this will be your third time, as you know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. And I will have other opportunities. But this is a very serious issue, even aside from my grand strategy. And it's an issue that I have a great amount of interest in. I was opposed to the medical malpractice laws that were enacted, from the very beginning. I fought them tooth and nail. The caps I have always been opposed