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defined benefit plan retirement shortfall. These are...this is in our other retirement programs. Next year it's nothing. But starting in '05-06, just two years off, \$13 million a year more. I mean, we're not out of this yet, folks, by any means. And you really need to think about every \$1 million you can squeeze out here and there that might be a fair way to do things. So you know, those are some of the things we're dealing with. Other things are very difficult to deal with. Some of the bills are in...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...Health Committee, and we don't know whether they'll be coming out or not. There will be some coordination with Senator Jensen and the Health Committee. We're thinking about lowering the majority age for benefits from, I think, 19 to 18, Senator? Is that right? That would save us...and we're counting on that. That would save us nearly \$1 million next year and \$2 million on an ongoing basis. But that's going to be cutting back benefits to those who need...low-income who need benefits. Maybe we could do that. I'm sure we'll probably end up doing that. And I've just gone partway through the list with you, but I wanted to give you some flavor of the decisions coming up shortly. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. There are no lights on. Senator Chambers, did you waive closing? Waive closing. The question before the body is adoption of FA1526 to the first division of the divided committee amendments to LB 962. All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is adoption of FA1526, offered by Senator Chambers to the first division of the divided committee amendments to LB 962. Have you all voted who care to? Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Chambers' amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment was adopted. Mr. Clerk, do you have items for the record?