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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Schrock, one quick question to start with. I don't see an A bill on this bill. Has an A bill been prepared?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, would you respond?

SENATOR SCHROCK: There isn't an A bill on it, and I don't think it's necessary because the program is in place. Maybe I'm reading that wrong, Senator Beutler. You caught me unaware. That's being honest,...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...which I try to be all the time, of course.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. The Fiscal Office has interpreted this as not being a new program, even though we're instituting a new system based upon new federal regulations?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That's correct, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, but...I'm trying to remember in Appropriations, Senator Wehrbein. I don't believe we increased the General Funds in this program. Did we?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein, would you...is that a question, Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah. I'll reserve that question till later. I just wanted to get a fix on that. But let me talk a little bit about...and I'm going to take on directly and I'm interested in some responses. For purposes of my own education, I want to take on this question directly of whether ag can, quote, unquote, pass on costs. We are now going through, in our national experience, concern with the obesity factor. People are looking more and more at what they're eating. The Atkins diet, as you all know, emphasizes the eating of red meat. The Atkins diet has made a noticeable effect upon the demand for