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reality there are a whole lot of other decisions that we're going to have to make before we even get close to balancing this budget, or even making decisions that are reasonable for us to proceed not only this year but in the out years. And I was half-way tempted to call the question, but the senior member was in heated discussions with his...with one of his mentees over there, so I didn't want to interrupt. But I think we should come to a vote on this and figure out where the body is. It's \$300,000. I actually was one of those individuals that years ago showed livestock at the State Fair and received a premium, so I know what the money is. It doesn't go to the buildings. But I would agree, at least in theory or philosophy, with Senator Preister, who says, let's draw the line, let's come up with our list of things that we would do if we had limited amount of money, and let's fund those things. And where those things that fall below that line are, let's cut those things. Sounds like a great idea. So I think the body should vote, see where we are. Because if the body is going to reject a \$300,000 cut here because they didn't want to cut this, but they'd like to cut something else, great. Let's find out where we are. And if we don't want to do that, then who knows? Maybe we'll get a different idea from another senior member of the body to do something a little differently, and then we can truly see where the body is on the entire package. But let's vote on this. We can yield time to Senator Bourne all afternoon. We all know what he sounds like. We probably know what he's going to talk about. But let's have a vote. Let's see where we end up. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Kremer, on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. Senator Chambers, could I ask you a question or two?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR KREMER: Okay. Is your main objection to the premium money only, and you're okay with the maintenance money? Or is