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now and having it sitting there on a shelf and try to negotiate, because they'll look at that and say, oh, you've got the money so let's go ahead and decide how we're going to do this so we can...you can go ahead and pay us. So I think we need to wait until we get the bill and then figure out how to come up with the money, even if we have to raise taxes to do it. So that's where I'm coming at today, so I say do nothing today.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jones. Further discussion on the Chambers amendment? Senator Schrock, followed by Senators Friend, Chambers, Erdman, Maxwell, Brashear, Beutler, Wehrbein, and Baker. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'll give my time to Senator Raikes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, you have close to five minutes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members, and thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Chambers and maybe others are interested in what I would be willing to do. I think we've figured out as a group that we don't have to do anything. I think a number of people have made the point that it may not be wise not to do anything, but we don't have to do anything. There's some cost to not doing anything. One of them that I haven't heard mentioned is that you would have to, likely, you would have to recertify aid to schools. We certify aid February 1. If we do nothing, it's likely that the state would have the money to support the state aid implied by the certification next February 1, so there would have to be a recertification, which of course causes uncertainties and so on for school systems. The other potential cost would be that of a special session. But given all that, what would I do? A couple or three things I'll mention. One, the issue of whether or not we can change the interest rate, as was discussed by Senators Brashear and Bromm, I think is very important. I would...I would do both. I would...I'm going to...I plan to vote, if given the opportunity, for an amendment to change that interest rate that's now in statute to something that is related to the current market. I think that even if that is not a central