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with others, and that means very seriously, very painstakingly, very slowly. Not only painstakingly--that means I receive pain--but "pain-givingly" also, because I hope to give some pain to my colleagues so that they will look at what is contained in this amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schimek, on AM3496.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and members. First of all, I would like to say that I really do have sympathy with what Senator Erdman is trying to do. And I'm...I think that it's good that we have this discussion today, this year. I'm not sure...I'm not convinced yet that I can vote for the committee amendment as it is. But I do, Senator Erdman, think that we need to have this discussion and we need to make some policy decisions in certain arenas. And I think...first of all, I have not had time over the weekend, like Senator Chambers has had, to read the amendment in its entirety. But I've been alerted to several issues, and I plan to pursue the amendment as we go through the issue. But my two major concerns, both from letters and contacts that I've had, and from some of the articles in the newspapers, are the child support issues and the wards of the state issues. Now I notice in the committee statement, where it talks about the committee amendment, Senator Erdman, that they mention two particular programs. And if I could, I would like to ask you a couple of questions about those provisions.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Erdman?

SENATOR ERDMAN: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Erdman, in the committee statement, it mentions that the maximum eligibility for Kids Connection remains at 19 years of age. And then it also says that for aid to dependent children, that that's amended to read 18 years of age or 19 years of age if an individual is a full-time student at a high school or equivalent level. And I think those are good amendments. And I'm wondering why we didn't treat some of the other issues in this committee amendment like we treated