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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, and the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, I want to...I want to ask you if you...about your intentions here.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Are your intentions to argue the increase that's suggested by the committee amendment, or are your intentions to argue the entire idea of tuition assistance?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: My intent is not to reduce the 75 percent, but to leave it there.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay. That's what I wanted to clarify for the body. So if we wanted to do this correctly, I think as Senator Brown was suggesting, and taking the dollar amounts out of the bill, the dollar amounts then would go in the A bill. So the committee amendment won't get to that objective. The committee amendment leaves the \$900,000 in the bill. So I think that Senator Brown would be willing to offer a different amendment; that simply we would defeat the committee amendment and then she would offer an amendment to strike the \$900,000 out of the bill itself. Because I...it's been argued to me effectively that we really shouldn't have the dollar amount in the policy part anyway.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: So if that's not your intention, to disrupt the existing program, then I think that's what we should do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And by "existing," you mean the 75 percent.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, no, no.