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not going to do. When you have an A bill, the "A" stands for "appropriation." The way the bill is drafted, it says, a person who meets the other qualifications can receive up to 100 percent of tuition assistance. But there is no number of persons, there is no dollar amount to use for the purpose of constructing an A bill. Senator Janssen has put together an ad hoc formula he would use. But I think some of my colleagues are going to require something far different from what he's asking for. I hope he offers an A bill, because I can kill it easily. I will kill it. Because my colleagues will quickly see that legislating and trying to appropriate in that manner is very slipshod, slapdash, hit-and-miss, irresponsible, and imprudent...oh, and unwise, because you don't know what you're dealing with. It's like a pig in a poke, or carte blanche. You don't know, with the way this bill is drafted, that more or fewer people will get assistance than is the case now. How could there be fewer if you're going to fund it at 100 percent? Well, 100 percent may not cover all of the people who want to go. And if you give less than 100 percent, then you will have far more people who can go than are going now, because more money is available. If the Legislature agrees to adopt an A bill of that kind, then I think the new man over in that corner of the building is going to have to be assisted off the floor, he'll be laughing so hard. He'll say, the Legislature has lost its collective mind, save one. And that one will be me. I will not be hoodwinked, I will not be bamboozled, I will not be stampeded into throwing money after what is being presented to us here today. This bill now is a disaster, and I have one of my children to thank for it. Old King David had written in one of his Psalms, I am wiser than my teachers. This is where...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the student outdid the professor. This body doesn't know what it has done with this bill, because the body doesn't care; it's operating on emotion. If anything is passed, they can run out of here and say, we did something for the boys and the girls in Iraq. Really, they're men and women, but that's what they're called. My amendment would say, whatever amount you appropriate, it can only be spent at a state