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so I'm going to ask Senator Don Pederson a question,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...because he is head of the Appropriations Committee.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Don Pederson, would you respond?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes, I will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Pederson, when the university presented a budget, to which committee did they present that budget?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: On their budget, they will present it to the Appropriations Committee.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you have served on that committee before you came...became Chairperson. Is that correct?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: This is my ninth year.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: During any of those years did the university ever bring a program which would allow some professors to be given 100 percent of a benefit and others similarly situated would get nothing?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I've never seen that happen.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Isn't that the effect of the amendment that Senator Thompson put on this bill, which the Legislature has agreed to?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Well, I'm not sure you could characterize it exactly that way.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, it says that the aid can be up to 100 percent. When there is no minimum, that means that total aid may be withheld from some. Isn't that true?