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SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Well, that's a way you would be able to read that, yes. I know that was not her intention at all and I don't know why it was up to 100 percent.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But when you say "up to," that means anything between 100 percent and 0.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Isn't that true?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It could be 2 percent.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes, it wouldn't be, but it could be.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. Have you ever seen anything like this in any bill that we have presented before where there are entities...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...or individuals who qualify and total discretion is given to the one administering it to give some 100 percent and others nothing?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: As you know from what I said on the General File of this bill, I was not very much enthused about this particular bill and I'm not certain that it accomplishes that much.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But my question is, have you seen any benefit program, whether it's to these corporations, or any other program that you can think of, where similarly situated people, all of whom qualify, are faced with the prospect of some receiving nothing and some receiving 100 percent of what it is they ask for?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: No, I have not seen that, and I don't care for that particular amendment.