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motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the Mines amendment. (FA81, Legislative Journal page 820.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, Senator Stuhr and Senator Mines are agreeable to a \$500,000 cap instead of \$250,000 and, although I want to personally remain flexible on what the right cap is, if we're going to make a major policy decision like this on Select File at this hour, I would hope that if everybody is roughly agreeable to doubling the cap that that might be a way of resolving this problem at this particular point in time. I'm not pretending to know exactly what's right here, but I know that what is in the white copy represents a major policy change, at least on the surface, and absent something in the statute that requires that this subsidized rate be applied to those who need it most, then absent that I would...I would think it would be appropriate to have...to continue to have a cap, albeit obviously it needs to be much higher. So I would recommend to yourselves this particular amendment, which doubles it from \$250,000 to \$500,000.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the opening on FA81 to AM0627. Open for discussion. There are no lights on, Senator Beutler. He waives closing. The question before the body is adoption of FA81 to AM0627. All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. The question before the body is adoption of the Beutler amendment, FA81. Have you all voted on the Beutler amendment who wish to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The Beutler amendment has been adopted. Back to discussion of the AM0627. Senator Mines, there are no lights on. You're recognized to close on AM0627.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President. Body, thank you very