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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. We are in the process of dividing the question. In the meantime, we will go on with discussion until that is properly done. So, Senator Beutler, you may have the floor.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cunningham, if I may, can I exchange ideas with you here...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and basically, again I'm back to my position of being...basically requests for information and trying to understand...

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Sure.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...what the bill does. And I'm kind of taking it from the beginning, and on page 10 is the reserve ratio, I guess you would call it the minimum reserve ratio, requirement that is used to kick into effect the emergency solvency surcharge.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: If the fund gets down below .4.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Right. And that's only in effect for four years, as I read it. Would that be correct?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: That's correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And when the fund gets down below .4, in those four years, a surcharge kicks in to presumably bring it back above .4. But also, when it drops below .4, on page 27 of the bill, it seems to indicate that the maximum weekly benefit would no longer increase. Is that accurate?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: On the year of the surcharge, the weekly benefit amount would stay the same as the previous year.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. But that...let's say we...let's say we go on past...the surcharge can only be leveled...levied for...in one of four years, in one of the next succeeding four years, as