SENATOR BEUTLER: So after two years, the previous year's maximum benefit amount will be $288.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: It would be plus the $10.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And then you add to that the $10. Now, $10 out of...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...$288 is, like, about 3 percent, right?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Somewhere in that area, yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: A little more than 3 percent. But it still stays at $10, 5, 10, 15, 20 years out. So from being a 3.4 percent increase, for example, as time plays out, that $10 reduces, over time, and is diminished, in effect, so that it couldn't keep up with inflation and it couldn't keep up with average wages. Isn't that correct, Senator?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Yes, I think that would be correct. I...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Well, go ahead.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And therein is my problem with Senator Chambers' amendment. He raises it to $20, which is very helpful in the short term. But it's subject to the same flaw in the long term. That is, it doesn't recognize incremental increases in...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...inflation that cause a flat dollar amount to diminish.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion, Senator Chambers.   And this