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disabled, we ought to make old folks and disabled jerky. Not beef jerky. And that would cut down the excess population, it would be a source of nutritious food,...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and it would reduce the cost of Medicaid. You wouldn't have to worry about what to do with your infirm parents or grandparents. Just take them down to the factory, push them into the machinery, and out comes jerky. Not turkey jerky, old folk jerky. I needed to get some of those comments out of the way, because I have more that I'm going to say more directly on point, and perhaps not. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Brown, you are recognized to speak.

SENATOR BROWN: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I will be supporting the Beutler amendment, primarily because it puts into the bill some of the statistics about who is using Medicaid and what that means in terms of costs. There's a gentleman, David Osborne, who wrote a book about...on streamlining government, and has done a lot of work consulting with states on...it's a combination of a strategic planning performance approach that focuses mostly on prioritizing those kinds of outcomes that we think are the most important. As far as Medicaid is concerned, in working with the state of Washington, and they...and Washington was focused on cutting back their spending, because they were in a horrible hole financially. So that was a part of what motivated them. But in looking at it, the group that had a certain dollar amount allocation for Medicaid services wanted to focus on what they thought was the most important investment of that money. And the most important investment, they felt, was in the preventative services. We pay lip service often to preventative services. And we are always in something of a quandary about it, because how do you free up the money, let's say, from...in terms of early childhood education? We can show that early childhood education has a lot of long-term benefits. The highest dollar amount has to do with the prison system. But you can't free up money in the prison system right now, because of