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obtaining of Medicaid for people who ought to actually have it. So the word "mitigate" would make it clear we're not talking about arbitrary guidelines or limitations or restrictions of any kind, but we're looking at the increase, the percentage increase that is apparently going to continue occurring if things proceed with reference to Medicaid as they are now. So this word "mitigate" would soften that idea of the arbitrary restrictions. It will not in any way limit what the committee members can study, what they can offer in terms of recommendations. But it kind of guides the direction that recommendation or those recommendations should not take. So I'm asking that you adopt this amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on FA144. Open for discussion, Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, FA144 is an amendment that Senator Chambers has spoke to me about and it makes a...it changes a word that he believes is more appropriate for the tone and the legislation, and I will support that amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Jensen. Senator Jensen, you may use that mike there if you care to. You may use that mike.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes. I'm sorry. What was the question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: You're recognized to speak. You had your light pushed.

SENATOR JENSEN: Oh, I have my light on. Thank you. (Laughter)

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry. I didn't mean to scare you.

SENATOR JENSEN: Oh, well. You know, at my age, yeah, you know, those things happen. A senior moment, I guess. I'd like to ask Senator Chambers a question, if he would respond, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, would you respond?