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settlement. I just thought I'd throw that out there. Thank you. And if they see enough of a political problem, the ones on the other side are going to say, we're not going to risk it, it's off, the deal is over. I'm tired of people coming in here, doing the things that they do for their little corner of Omaha, or whatever it happens to be. You have not heard one time I came in here and said, do this for the 11th Legislative District to the detriment of everybody else because it benefits just us, and yet we're the ones who are entitled to more. I have tried to be a state senator. I told you I'm...that's all I was going to ask you, Senator Pederson. Thank you.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I...may I make one comment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh sure.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: In regard to that money, at risk, in that if we do not pay it, is over \$200 million, and so the concern is we had to decide whether to pay it in one sum or pay it in payments. We determined it would be better if we paid it in payments. That's why it's included in the budget that way.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But we don't have to pay it that way. And does the settlement require that it be paid in one lump sum?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What is...what is the minimum...

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: May be paid over a four-year period.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...payment that can be made and...

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: It may be made over a four-year period, however, the way we are now it would have to be two payments up-front.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If it's made over four years, how much would have to be taken out of the budget this year for that?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Well, if you divide 146 by 2, basically,