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have any questions you want to put to me, I'm prepared to answer them. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on AM1429 offered by Senator Chambers to the committee amendments to LB 425. Open for discussion, Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is a very small amount and I know it's very well-intended by Senator Chambers. I think I should tell you why it is fixed at \$70,000. Number one, that's what was used the last time the transition was needed. Secondly, this is the amount of money that was requested by the Governor's office for a transition fund for the change of office in two more years. And then thirdly, as far as the money is concerned, it's our experience, I think, that we tend to use what money is available. And if they think that they can do it at the \$70,000 mark, then I think that's the target and they try and do it within that amount. I think if you made it \$100,000 be try and work within that figure; \$200,000 the same thing. So I think if they feel that they can do that at that price, that's fine; but there's another alternative. In the event that the cost of transition exceeded that amount of money, there is always the opportunity to come in for a deficit request. So with that and for the reasons that I've stated, I would request that you follow what the Appropriations Committee has done, recognizing that Senator Chambers is very well motivated in seeking this difference. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, and respectfully to Senator Don Pederson, I would agree that if you made a large amount of money available some might find a way to spend it. But I went the other direction. If we struck all of the money, a way would be found to get the money, but the way that the money is going to be procured is not what I think ought to happen. We should not let an incumbent Governor limit what may be available for a new Governor, should that contingency