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over those people. And we do have recourses either way. If we overfund it, the amount will come back. If we underfund it, we can achieve that by way of deficit appropriation. So I think this is something that I'll just leave up to you. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator Chambers, there are no further lights on.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I could not provide what might be called a passionate defense or argument for this money. There is no passionate opposition to it. I just believe we should stop doing things on the cheap. You cannot always go by what current officeholders say. There have been senators who voted against a salary increase for senators. When I was fighting tooth and nail to get expenses for senators, there were senators who voted against that, but they accepted them once we did the hard work. The current Governor has said he will veto a bill to raise the salaries for those constitutional officers. So that shows you take what those people in office say with a grain of salt. They might be fearful of political repercussions if they do not indicate that they think things ought to be done on the cheap. If the public were asked do they think that transitional...the cost of transition should be paid by the state, most people, if you told them what that meant, they'd say, yes. If you said, well, it takes about \$200,000, they'd say, okay. They are not going to parse this amount of money. They will look at it as, first of all, dealing with a necessary activity. Senator Don Pederson pointed out that any of this money that is not spent will lapse. Well, let us see what the Governor is going to do with it--\$30,000 above what is here now. I say again, whether you accept this or not you're going to have to amend this portion of the budget bill because it says this amount comes from Cash Funds but it doesn't. I hope you will give this amount. And while I'm on the floor, you may think that every amendment I offer is just to take time because I said I'm going to divide the question on the budget. I've talked to the Speaker and in that conversation I was the lynx and he was the lion. And the lynx said to the lion, all right, Leo, have it your way. So if the question will be divided on the committee amendment that the Appropriations Committee is presenting, that