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time back to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Raikes, there are no further lights on. The Chair recognizes you to close on AM1432 if you care to.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members, and thank you all for the discussion. I hope the case has been made because I think it is a valid and important case. To recap, it would involve \$10 million expenditure to cover this obligation which is clearly an obligation of the state, in my view. It's not a frill or an extra program. I am confident that you will keep this in mind and that you will consider this as something we need to do. Senator Foley has given me an opportunity to explain on an earlier set of comments he made about, well, I'm arguing against a spending program that he offered on General File but here I've got one. Yes, I do. And my view is, and it's only my view, that General File is a time for us to hear about these sorts of budgetary needs and make the pitch for those. In my view, the time to actually take action and include it in the budget is on Select File. I don't think that we should be hearing brand new programs that nobody has mentioned before on Select File. I think General File is the time to hear these requests and try to come up with some sort of prioritization. I hope we've been effective in doing that and also convincing you that this needs to be a high priority. But with that, I am going to withdraw this amendment at this point and ask that it be refiled on Select. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: So ordered, Senator Raikes. Mr. Clerk, next amendment when you get time.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, next amendment is offered by Senator Don Pederson, AM1364. (Legislative Journal page 1371.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Pederson, to open.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, whenever you do a 170-page amendment, there is going to be an error, something is going to be left out or something is going to need correcting. Senator Chambers had alluded to one of