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big changes that we made in the budget that was provided by the Governor. This was one of the biggest certainly. But what Senator Byars is talking about and how that would make...now actually the group he is referring to, his group would be receiving 98.75 percent, not 100 percent but 98.75 this year under the methodology, and 98.6 next year. So it's a very small difference between what was provided by our committee and what was determined by state salary. So that's where the problem is--where does it boil down dollarwise? If we were going to be fair about this and not just provide for the people that Senator Byars is talking about, we would have to go back to all of the providers that we gave 2 percent and adjust theirs accordingly. Now what's the effect of that? An additional 1 percent increase for the 12 providers would total \$4,372,000 in '05-06 and \$8,492,000 in...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: ...'06-07. So you see, we can talk philosophy, but we also have to talk dollars. And we're talking about locking things into bases that we're going to keep on paying. And I think we need to be very, very cautious in making such change. But I don't feel that we could provide for Senator Byars' group and not provide for the others in the same fashion. And so I think if we talk about a matter of fairness, we tried to be as fair as we could within the dollars that we had available for that purpose. So with that, I would ask that you reject the proposal of Senator Byars and sustain...I know he's wounded right now, but he'll get over it, but...and then I would ask that you support what the Appropriations Committee determined after judgment, hearing all of the bodies that were asking for their rates for providers. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion, Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. And I do appreciate Senator Don Pederson's work and Senator Synowiecki's work in this area. You know, it was a year ago that we were discussing towards the end of the session a situation that happened here in Lincoln with some providers.