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that correct. But whether I've gotten all of that exactly correct or not, that is what would happen. The main thrust of this amendment is to break the payment into two parts rather than just one. The argument is made that if the full amount is paid in one lump sum, a certain amount of interest would be saved. But when you have a certain amount of money in the bank, and you can either pay it all at one time or make payments as you choose to retire a debt, you can decide whether to empty the account and make the payment and get rid of that debt in one fell swoop or make a payment on retiring the debt and retain some money that can be used for other purposes. I don't know what else would be needed to be said to make clear what this proposal would do. But if you have any questions, I'm prepared to answer them. I do think this would be a prudent step to take. I also have an amendment, while I'm at it, which would call for three payments. The third one would naturally not be covered in this budget, which only covers two years. So the third one, when I would offer that amendment, would not show up in the amendment. It would cover two years, and the third one would be outside of this budget. So that's what this particular amendment would do. If you have any questions, I'm prepared to answer them. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on AM1442, amendment to the Appropriations Committee's AM0521. Open for discussion, Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Senator Chambers caught me on the way out the other day and alluded to the fact that this was something that he was considering doing anyway. And I think at the time that he was making that suggestion of what he may want to do in this regard, we didn't exactly know what the Forecasting Board was going to do in connection with the monies that are forecasted to be brought into the state in the next two years and beyond. And when I first looked at this low-level payment, I thought--this was before the session started, and we were not in very good financial position at that time--and I thought that maybe we should spread it out so that we had the money available in the event that we...that we did need it. But now I have felt that there is not any real good reason, and I don't mean to change