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make higher salaries than the inspectors. There's something out of kilter there. It needs to be solved. I agree it needs to be solved. And it needs to be solved at the bargaining table. The only other solution that I know of is that these folks leave the collective bargaining unit, and therefore can...their salaries can be raised. That's the only thing I can see. I'd be just overjoyed and delighted if somebody would show us another way. I know Senator Cudaback has worked on this issue. We've all worked on it. And those are my conclusions. And I'm thinking we're doing something here we will regret later. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Pahls, followed by Senator Raikes.

SENATOR PAHLS: Thank you, Mr. President. This round...I did not expect these questions on this round. I expected them on the next round. But I...just a couple of words. It is interesting. This issue has been around for a long time. And for us to get involved in collective bargaining process, I understand the...that could be a slippery slope, and I do not want to do that. I think the next time around, there are some issues that we could bring up, and maybe this could be resolved off the floor. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pahls. Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I am going to support the bill, for the reasons that Senator Pederson mentioned. These are Cash Funds, and so I think it would be sort of unwise to reject this A bill at this point. I will tell you, I agree with my colleagues who have described this as bad state policy. I don't think this is a good policy. I don't think this is something we should do. But that can be further discussed on Select File. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. There are no further lights on. Senator Pahls, did you wish to close on the advancement? Senator Pahls waives closing. The question before the body is, shall LB 614A advance to E & R Initial? All in favor of the motion vote aye; those opposed to the motion vote nay. The question before the body is advancement of LB 614A.