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since I've been a member of the Appropriations Committee, I have rarely voted against what the committee has done. And as you know, on the first round of debate on this particular amendment I did not side with Senator Mines and Senator Bourne. But I felt badly after that first round of debate because my remarks on the floor of the Legislature were obviously the cause of misunderstanding, and obviously the fact of misunderstanding is pretty clear. There were a lot of people who thought that the floor debate meant one thing or another and, frankly, I don't have a clear memory or feeling about what was intended at a certain point in time. I think what may have happened is that in a strict narrow sense I answered Senator Bourne's question, yes, MIRF would be restored, and he probably logically took that to mean that MIRF would be restored and/or state aid; that is, that we would not...that we would restore the total funding to the cities that they had had before we made the cuts. But there were two funds in question and we didn't speak on the floor to both funds. Whatever the case may be, people didn't have a common understanding. Now you can deal with that in a number of different ways, but I want to support Senator Bourne's amendment. I want to support it with the idea that there was a misunderstanding; for me, personally, that I may have been a cause of that misunderstanding. What he is asking for is one year, not two years and a continuing ongoing appropriations. The cities are going to have to come in next year and argue to put it back in on a permanent...in the permanent base. So it is truly a compromise. But we do have the money this year for one year. In the next two years we have plenty of money, even though out further we're putting ourselves in a bind. But I think that this would be a fair resolution and restore everybody to the good feeling that they've had working with one another. I would hate for us to lose that bad feeling on what I think is an honest misunderstanding. So I'm supporting Senator Bourne's amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I thought we talked about this on the General File, and it appears to me the big distinction between then and now is that