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DHH. They're not responding to having a better relationship with communities through community plans. They're not responding to the idea of not using local police forces so much and having better trained people who know how to deal with people at different levels of needed care. They are not responding. It would be a wrong message, in my opinion, to treat them better than everybody else at a time when they're not otherwise responding to needed reforms in the area. Thank you.

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

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm like Senator Byars. I think we're...need to get on with this and make a determination as to how we want to handle it. I want to remind you of something. When we received the Governor's budget, there was absolutely zero provided for developmentally disabled. We increased that to 2 percent, and so I think you have to bear that in mind. It's not like we're starting over again, you know? This...we did provide for them. And where's the difference? The difference lays in the fact, or the fact, that the...when the state employees in negotiated, they ended up with 3 percent and 3.25 percent. that's the difference between what we're talking about, and what that equates to is that, instead of 100 percent for Senator Byars' interests here, it's 98.75 percent. So that's the big difference we're talking about. But how does that equate into dollars for the state? The ongoingness, which has been alluded to, in the next biennium would be \$1,675,000 for each year for this item by itself, and if we looked at the other providers that are not being equalized in this same fashion, then in '05...in '05-06 it would be \$4,372,000 in '05-06, and \$8,492,000 in '06...in '07...or '06-07. So we're not talking about insignificant dollars. And so we tried to do, in the Appropriations Committee, what we believed was reasonably fair. And I'm sorry that there is this difference, and I know that Senator Byars is very sincere in his effort. I just want to call your attention to what is the reality of the day, and the reality of the day is that the ultimate bottom dollar line is going to be expensive. Thank you.