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said it just as eloquent. So with that, I stick to my story.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. Seeing no further lights on, Senator Beutler, you're recognized to close on AM1598 to LB 425. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I'm glad everybody has had an opportunity to think about this one more time, and to speak. And for those who want to vote the same as they did before, so be it. But everything in this budget has to fit together. And you have to make a decision about the quality of things. Senator Brashear wants to have a world quality class job training program. You can't have that with the statute you have now. The statute is a bunch of junk. It needs to be revised and it needs to be focused, just as our Revenue Committee focused LB 312 earlier this session. All you're doing now is pouring a bunch more money into our second-class program. It's all got to change at once. And we're getting ahead of ourselves. And by getting ahead of ourselves, we're taking the pressure off changing the program itself to a quality program. Are they going to spend the money or aren't they? My gosh, one moment I'm hearing they can spend it all right away, and another moment I'm hearing, well, we can't spend it all. Well, if you really believe you can't spend it all, why are you giving them so much money? I suggest to you, still, and as strongly as I can, that the most sensible approach to this is to delay the reformulation of the program until next year when we have a chance to do it, the jobs training program. And don't put in \$15 million all at once; \$15 million is more money than has been spent on that program since it began in 1980-something. The total of all the years from then until now is less than the amount of money that we put in earlier tonight. I am just cynical, after so many years, as to whether any agency of government which is infused with so much money at once really ever makes the best use of it, especially with the inadequate statutes that they have in place currently. So I would again recommend to you that you reduce that \$15 million to \$5 million. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the closing on AM1598, by Senator Beutler, to LB 425. The question