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Senator Foley.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you again, Mr. President, members. I have conferred with the legal counsel to the Health Committee and my own staff has pulled up some language that is in statute, and my recollection is correct. We did have some language in there on these questions. And I couldn't at the time, early this morning, I couldn't remember exactly how we had phrased that. But now, having reviewed that language and recognizing what is already in statute on these subjects, at least as it relates to the Health Care Cash Fund, which is the tobacco settlement money, I think we're fine. There are some continuing issues with other funds that the university receives, but at least as it relates to that particular fund, which is what this amendment is about, we've already got some language in statute. So, as I indicated earlier, that amendment can be pulled, Mr. President. You can withdraw the amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Thank you, Senator Foley. Back to discussion of the Chambers amendment, AM1574. Senator Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, good morning. The three years here, I guess this doesn't seem that strange to me, Senator Chambers' amendment, AM1574. Unorthodox? Maybe a little bit, but not strange. There is a difference. Judiciary Committee, like I pointed out yesterday for a brief moment, virtually 25 percent of the bills that are introduced go through the Judiciary Committee. How many of them actually come out? I couldn't tell you. I didn't do the research. How many of them actually get discussed in an Executive Session format? I don't know, haven't done that research either, but I...my own kind of off-the-cuff, educated guess, not many. Well, a form of Senator Chambers' amendment had been discussed and voted on, and it didn't come out of committee. There were a lot of...couple bills that I had that didn't. Some got discussed and didn't come out of committee, got voted down; some will never get discussed. I'm okay with that. Let me say, in fairness to Senator Chambers, he told us, to the person, to our faces, this issue is not going away. That's to his credit and that's why I don't find this strange.