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separate from compensation for expenses." Look, they should have seen that they were on to something here. They said the "per diem payments." Now, that is true; they're being paid with that per diem, for the expenditure of their time and the effort they put forth. They are being compensated for that work by way of the per diem, so it's all right to say "such per diem payments." But then, before they get to the end of the sentence, they run out of gas and say, "compensation for expenses." The pay is compensation.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion, Chambers amendment? You heard the opening. Senator Stuthman, followed by Senator Schrock.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I truly support the efforts of Senator Chambers with this amendment, but I want to speak to, a little bit, about the underlining bill that we have in reimbursement for expenses. The thing that I've noticed with committees, especially, you know, committees that have a lot of work to do, most generally the leadership of those committees, several of the board members of those committees do a lot of work. They do a lot more work than the average committee member that serves on those committees. And I think because of that, there are some that, you know, max out the amount of days that they are reimbursed for. So I really think that this is perfectly a good solution to it, and I'm sure that some of the leadership of especially the NRDs, what have to deal with a lot of issues with water, and that's one of the main issues that we're dealing with right now, I think they will...they will probably put in more days than what they're going to be reimbursed for. So I do support...I support Senator Chambers' amendment and I also truly support the underlining bill. Thank you. (Microphone malfunction)...back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator. Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Schrock.