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SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, Senator Jensen, I'm not quibbling with the contents of the bill itself,...

SENATOR JENSEN: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...what it purports or proposes to do, but the A bill, which would make an appropriation to HHS. That's what I'm looking at.

SENATOR JENSEN: I understand.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Has HHS been granted the amount they request every time they present a budget proposal to the Appropriations Committee?

SENATOR JENSEN: You know, the Appropriations Committee could answer that better than I can.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you then.

SENATOR JENSEN: I know they were in just this last week and, of course, I suppose the Appropriations Committee are dealing with that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Jensen. I will ask Senator Don Pederson a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Don Pederson, would you respond to a question from Senator Chambers?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes, I will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Don Pederson, you served on the Appropriations Committee before you became Chair. Is that correct?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you have years of experience there. Does HHS receive the amount they request from the Appropriations