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know now. So let's not be concerned so much about the debate or whether or not it's going in the right direction. I think it's healthy for us to have this discussion. This is the only opportunity we have to spend \$6 billion dollars. This is the debate. This is the process, okay? Senator Schimek, I need to apologize to you, and I wanted to make sure that it was on the record. The reason I called the question was, in discussions with Senator Pederson and Senator Engel, that they were in favor of moving this...getting off the motion and to have a vote. It was not my intent to stop your opportunity to debate. And obviously, you have taken the opportunity to discuss it further, which I think is fully appropriate. But I wanted to make sure that you were aware that it wasn't something that I just said, well, I'm going to go ahead and call the question and we can move on, but there was a sense from both sides of this discussion that it was time to at least have a vote, and that's why I offered the motion...or, I made the request. So I apologize if it prohibited you from speaking, but you're very capable of finding your own way to get that opportunity again. But I just wanted to make sure you were aware of why that was done. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Further discussion? Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Howard and others.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I want to ask Senator Erdman a question or two.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Erdman, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Erdman, you said there have been plenty of times when we've done things inappropriately on the budget bill. Will you give me one example?

SENATOR ERDMAN: I'm sorry, Senator?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You said there have been plenty of times when we've done things on the budget bill which were inappropriate. Did you say anything to that effect, first of all?