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keeping together the attorneys that serve the indigent through the Legal Aid program, and as state senators, I myself have referred constituents to Legal Aid in my district, and I would imagine that many of you have done the same. This is absolutely essential; it's one of the bright spots in the legal profession. It's one of the bright spots in our state, and I would hope that we fund this, and I would argue that \$200,000 is not nearly enough, but I understand the constraints we have with money and would look forward to building on this program in the future. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Flood. Further discussion? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, legal services has done great work for a long period of time, and the work that they do is not only well done, but very needed work, as has been testified to by others. Senator Pederson, I wanted to ask you two quick questions, if I could. With respect to the amendment that's in front of us, it purports to appropriate money for this project. I guess Senator Pederson is not with us at the moment, but I'm going to pose the question to the entire body. It seems to me that this appropriation is being put into a bill which is not an appropriations bill, and that what is appropriate here is that there should be an A bill so that it competes with everybody else's proposed appropriations for the year. And I wish I could have a little brief discussion with Senator Pederson, because I'm not sure what his view on this matter is. Senator Pederson, while you were out, I was indicating that...or wanting to know whether you would be agreeable to having an A bill with this bill, since this is not something that came with the appropriations packages as such. It was passed more than a year ago...

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and is basically a free-standing bill, albeit a very good one. Would you have any objection to rejecting this amendment and just having an A bill catch up with it?