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leaders, but it was open to the public and so we talked about the things that we all talk about on a regular basis, whether it's funding for counties or taking away local control, those things that they were concerned about. And then the discussion turned to foster care, and it kind of surprised me because I wasn't expecting that. And I had a majority of those elected officials and those business leaders and community leaders tell me that they would never be a foster parent in the state again, and I thought, wow, what happened? And they said if they were ever treated with respect and with dignity based on what they were trying to do in the best interests of that child, that they would consider it again; but the way that they were treated by all parties involved, that they couldn't in good conscience put themselves or their family back through that type of pain and suffering of trying to care for someone only to have that young person ripped out of their homes and put back into a situation that...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR ERDMAN: ...wasn't appropriate for them. Now, if \$500,000 gives us the will and the wisdom, or if the \$500,000 gives us the wisdom to do what we should have the will to do, then I think that's probably money well spent. But I don't think the discussion here should only be on, well, we don't need another study. The question is, what should the action be? This is only a piece of that and, regardless of what the results of this study would tell us, whether Senator Howard's amendment gets adopted or not, maybe the study won't even happen, it still comes back to those of us that are elected positions to make sure that the policies that we enact are the appropriate ones and they look after for those that we're responsible for. So again, I don't know whether we need more wisdom or we just need flat-out will to do the right thing, and I think that's a question that we have to answer. And if the answer is we need will, then I think Senator Howard's amendment is appropriate. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Further discussion on the Howard amendment? Senator Fischer.