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SENATOR CHAMBERS: I do not believe that lines 8 and 9 can both exist at the same time. Line 8 says you're going to establish these priorities which will effectively address the healthcare and related needs of eligible recipients and, at the same time, effectively moderate the growth of medical assistance expenditures. If you're going to moderate the growth in expenditures, it means you cannot effectively address the healthcare needs of people. If the needs are greater and the cost of meeting them is increasing, how are you going to moderate the growth in the expenditures? The expenditures have to grow to pay for the needs that are to be effectively met. There's an internal contradiction here and the people who put this amendment together do not want to address it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It sounds good,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...but it cannot work. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers and Senator Erdman. Senator Brown, followed by Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President and members, would Senator Chambers yield to a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, yes. Yes, I will.

SENATOR BROWN: In your scenario of the four individuals, can you tell me which of those individuals is the most poor, is poorest?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is the poorest the one who has the least means? And I don't know which one that would be unless you told me what their sources of...what their resources are.