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in the economy the last time. It was not federally funded.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, right.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: So it did to clarify that issue. Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so now do you support funding it?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I'm not supporting overriding the veto.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you support the existence of this position? Do you think the arts are important?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Of course they are, of course they are.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does the way the Legislature appropriate money suggest what the Legislature deems to be important?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes, I voted for this in the committee.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And did you feel that you were making the proper judgment when you voted for it in committee?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I usually try to think I do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have you become a wiser person because of new information and now you no longer think that this position ought to be funded? And if you became wiser,...

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I think we're faced with a different...oh, I'm sorry.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ... of what does that new wisdom consist and who provided it to you?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Senator Chambers, my position is that we submitted a budget to the Governor. The Governor generally accepted what we did but vetoed certain items within that budget. And we, as a committee, we decided not to override the veto except for the one that I proposed earlier. So I am here