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introduced.) On with discussion, Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. President. I just simply want to make a comment. I'm satisfied with the idea that this will not take effect until the year 2008. I think we're trying to do a responsible thing by this bill. But I'm very concerned at a proposal that we set aside \$9 million from our state funds simply because it is possible that this might be an impact loss to Bellevue. I think we...we don't do that. We don't set aside money like that in anticipation there might be a problem. We're certainly going to have an adequate period of time to determine whether or not there is a loss of funds and we can respond to that at the time. But for that reason, I would suggest we reject the amendment of Senator Cornett. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Don Pederson. Senator Chambers on the Cornett amendment, AM3190 to LB 1024A.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I can understand the soreness that some people feel. But I'm the one who has gone through more setbacks than all of the other senators put together where a serious issue has been involved. I have mentioned that the soccer ball gives me sympathy. I have more footprints on me than a soccer ball has from being kicked around. But I never quit. I never back away because that's the nature of the work that we do in the Legislature. What we do could be described in terms of opportunistic activity. When the opportunity presents itself, you take advantage of it and make the most of it. That's what effective legislating is and that's why some people are more effective than others, because they're willing to do what is necessary to take advantage of an opportunity. If it means leaving a safety zone, leaving a comfort zone, withstanding the slings and arrows of an unkind fate, if that is the price that must be paid, be prepared to pay it. And if you're not willing to pay the piper, don't get into the dance. If you don't want to pay Mephistopheles when time comes to give up your soul, don't enter a contract with the devil. I said when I first spoke this morning that sometimes it becomes necessary for the longest serving member of the Legislature, which happens to be me this time, to work with whomever the Speaker is, which it happens to be Senator Brashear