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were talking about the Union Pacific project, I could very well be one of those who just say, write them a check, give them the money. I think it's worth it. So it isn't...it isn't that I'm opposed, as I think there was an earlier suggestion, to spending money, even to spending money on these kinds of projects, but I do think it's incumbent upon us to know what they cost, and that's the reason the models are important because, really, the people who want the money don't want us to write them a check, that's too direct,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...and then we would ask the questions and we would know what it costs and we would know who was getting the money.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. That was your third time, Senator, outside of closing. Senator Kristensen, and this will be your third time.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I appreciate Senator Wickersham's candor. I guess one of the questions I have is, I...I still oppose the amendment and despite arguments to the contrary. Senator Wickersham, if I could just you a few...I won't ask you to respond, I'll just have you listen and maybe that will be a better use of our time, and you can respond at some point. Every time we use the TRAIN or IMPLAN's model, we...we would now be expanding the use of that, not for legislative evaluation of whether a piece of legislation is good or whether it is bad or generally what it does or generally what it doesn't do, or as a check towards people. We would now be placing our legislative tools for actual administration of legislation, and we are going to have a variety of things happen. I'm interested in what are the cost of running each of those models each time and in terms of what the cost may be if we have to do an additional run with additional information. And I suppose the other portion, the question that I have is, not to impugn the Fiscal Office or those people, and I think Senator Raikes probably indicated that I was impugning their honor. I am not. I want to keep them out of the political fray if I can, and opposing this amendment