

are having all of these cuts. So, here is \$1 million that is just laying there and not being used. So, I would say for six months let's take it back, and then next year worry about the \$2 million. I mean I don't understand why we wouldn't want to take this \$1 million back. I just don't understand that. But it sure isn't going to hurt anything.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, please. Then Senator Chizek.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I would oppose the Haberman amendment. I understand Rex is searching out for money, and I think we all are. But to do this would be eating your seed corn, Rex. It is the investment that is totally targeted toward rebuilding the economy, which I think is the real problem we are discussing here today. We talk about taxes, we talk about budgets. The real problem is the economy. One of the few things we've done in this state, and this Legislature, in a positive fashion to deal with the economy is the R&D Authority. We are putting in \$2 million, annually. We are expecting five, maybe more, years of this, and at some point they are going to be self-sufficient because of the investments they are making. This project, eventually, will pay for itself, and I think, eventually, build that economic base that we need to see broadened and deepened and see that prosperity returned to our state that we are lacking right now, and as a result we are lacking revenues. I think the Research and Development Authority at \$2 million is underfunded because we've looked at other states, and we have looked at what they have done, and \$2 million is throwing very little initiative at the effort of developing our economy. Most states are looking at 10 million, 20 million, and more dollars to try to develop their economy, diversify their economy, build their economy. And I think \$2 million is really short of what we ought to be talking about, let alone cutting it at this point. I think we are wrong to do this. It is the one real strong initiative we made last year, it is something we can all be proud of. I am sorry, Senator Haberman, this isn't the way to go, and I sure hope everybody else here realizes that and votes against the Haberman amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chizek, please.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Motion that we adjourn until 9:00 a.m., December 9.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. Clerk, do you have anything to put in?