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That's different. The International Longshore and Warehouse Union is touting an economist's study that claims that the \$1 billion to \$2 billion daily cost of the West Coast dock shutdown was vastly overestimated.

According to Patrick Anderson of the Anderson Economic Group, the management lockout of dockworkers following their drastic slowdown was only \$140 million a day, or \$1.67 billion for the entire shutdown. We feel better already.

Here's a suggestion for the union. If you want that number to seem even smaller, just divide it by the number of union members. That way you can say that each union member caused only \$14,000 in damage to the United States economy each day of the lockout to protect union featherbedding. John Martin, author of the original study funded by the Pacific Maritime Association, is sticking by his numbers.

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