

the possibility that we may have an increase in the amount of money that would be available for budget bills. So, there was an agreement among the committee members that we should create a separate bill, a supplemental appropriations bill, or another term would be a trailer bill that would ride behind the mainline budget bill, LB 780. It was the belief of myself and other members of the committee, I'm sure all, that there were some very worthy programs that would not receive funding this year because of monetary shortfalls. LB 780 was a budget that was business as usual, keep the necessary appropriations. The supplemental bill that is now before you was meant solely as a bill of programs that we would vote for if the money was available. At the time we voted the bill out and it was discussed there was an increase in the amount of appropriations, or there was an increase in the amount of revenue that appeared on tax revenue and it looked like there would be more money available to us. Also, there weren't quite as many spending bills on Final Reading and it looked like there would be more money available. So, the committee passed out a bill that started out at around 400, \$4.6 million. Now this bill has grown to close to \$10 million, \$9.4 million with programs that aren't necessary as far as I am concerned. If you take the time to look through the bill, there is going to be measures that are probably going to be back before us. Increased legislative computers, \$185,000; heart-liver transplants, new computers for state colleges at a total cost of over \$4.2 million over a three-year period, something that I don't feel is necessary at this time. We even added in as a last-ditch effort, 4-H money for the state fair, about \$40,000. So, it was kind of a grab bag of programs that everyone kind of wanted to see in the budget if we had the money. Well, we don't have the money and I think it's kind of fruitless at this time to be passing a bill in this manner. As I stated earlier, if we're going with the straight 3 percent reserve, just a 3 percent reserve that is going to be required by our Constitution, we're going to be short at least \$3 million, \$3.7 million if the bills that are passed on Final Reading are signed into law by the Governor. If we shoot for the 4 percent reserve, which I think is probably the wisest, we're still going to be \$13 million down. This is a spending measure that we cannot afford at this time. I realize it's probably going to have the support. I would hope that it wouldn't get the 33 votes for the emergency clause and that's my hope at this time. I'll leave the motion up on the floor for discussion purposes, but part of the reason why I'm bringing this motion up at this time is for you to realize that when we had the vetoes, the Governor brings them back, we start