

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...even now to do the job that they are required to do. I doubt that Senator Lynch's amendment will pass and stay in effect even if during this moment of frustration it is voted on by a majority of the members of the Legislature. In the same way that every addition to that bill, 991, took a majority of the elected members and in many instances the same majority put those provisions in. There should be a majority to pass this bill. I voted for certain spending increases, I am opposed to others, but I'll vote in favor of advancing 991 and I'll vote in favor of passing 991 and I think that's what we ought to do if we're going to be responsible. Naturally, there are those who disagree with my point of view and as the afternoon plays out we'll determine what action the Legislature will take.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I don't know exactly where to start because I...Dan Lynch and I don't always agree on everything, but this is one time I think at least he has come up with an idea that would help us come to some kind of resolution of the problem that we've brought on ourselves and I'm just along with everybody else, I have voted for some of the things that are causing the problem. If I'm just a girl that can't say no, forgive me, but one of the things is that we have said as so many times was said the last two days especially on 1136 and the children's mental health road map and that kind of money, that kind of program, what we have said ever since I have been here, well, yes, this is great legislation, let's study it. They've had innumerable studies on the developmental disability field. They've had so many that it's almost embarrassing. We know what we need to do. I have parents in my district who have adult children, that those parents are getting older and they are worried, concerned, what are those children going to do when their parents can no longer be with them? I have a cousin in Hastings, a Down's Syndrome young woman, who will have the same problem when her parent is gone. So it's very difficult for me to say no to the people who are involved. I don't care about the lobby. It's the people who are involved. The point of the 1.75 percent cut isn't too bad an idea. One of the things I think we go about the appropriations, we do it backwards. I think what we should do