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way through, even on Final Reading, to the point of having it compete against other bills that would spend money for programs. What should be done that will help when we get to that crunch time, Senator Smith, and that's when I'm in my element, and that's when I become invincible, unbeatable, and almost super human in what I can work through the rules, naturally. We should...and somebody added "monotonous". But you know that water continually dripping on a stone can be very monotonous, but eventually it will wear that stone away. Water, softer than stone, will wear stone away if, for a long enough period of time, it continues to drip. But in this instance, if there are bills, such as this one, which may have a worthwhile or desirable purpose, but will not stand among others which should have a higher priority, it would probably be wise to go ahead and let the blade of the guillotine fall sooner rather than later. But if these kind of bills are pushed over to Final Reading, and they do bunch up at the end, what is going to happen in the mean time is that those interests and people who are following these individual bills are going to get their hopes raised, their expectations are going to be raised, and then they're doomed to disappointment. So we have a responsibility to those people, too, not to give them false hope. I don't know whether, if this bill went all the way across, that it would win in the race for funds at the tail end. But I'm doubtful, because the good spirit which seems to be prevailing now is rapidly going to fray around the edges or evaporate, which ever analogy you like, and there is going to be a lot less willingness on the part of people to give and to take. Right now the movement of this bill is not obligating the state to spend the money. When it reaches Final Reading, if it gets that far, the state is not obligated. But, if a vote is taken to pass it and an A bill, if one turns out to be needed, the state is obligated. You should then consider what the Governor, whom I call Jack Sprat, may decide to do.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Some of the newer senators can gain a lot of savvy by getting a bit ahead of the game, by paying attention to what Squire Wehrbein, who sometimes is very wrong, but most of the time is very right, will have to say, what various members of the Appropriations Committee will have to say. Even if you