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financial undertaking by the state of Nebraska. It was included...most of these items were obviously all included in the original appropriations package. That package that those bills were well within the bounds of what is fiscally responsible for the state of Nebraska. We had the committee suggesting to us that in fact there was about \$25 million remaining that would have been available for A bills, and we still would have been able to balance within the 3 percent reserve. Now I'm not sure why it was essential to have suggested to us some of the vetoes, but I do think it's entirely appropriate for us to override some of the vetoes and in particular the ones that are now being suggested by the Appropriations Committee; it will not, in my estimation, harm the fiscal status of the state of Nebraska to do that. And in fact, in my opinion, some of them are quite sensible and even quite necessary. All of us can make our individual rankings about which ones we think are the most important or which ones are the most necessary, but the fact of the matter is that in the aggregate I think they make sense. Now if we had the opportunity to frankly shape a different package, perhaps we might have done that, but we're not members of the Appropriations Committee and I don't see much of an opportunity for us to really reshape any potential package here tonight. So I am comfortable voting for the recommendations of the Appropriations Committee. I hope we eventually get to that vote and that you, likewise, would support the recommendations of the Appropriations Committee.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think people need to be reminded of where we're at in the process. When the vetoes come back to us, we get five legislative days to deal with those. Yesterday, when I talked about taking up vetoes and then, when we're finished today, taking them across to the Secretary of State's Office, the bill goes away. Now, why would we do that? Well, you can keep the bill here for five legislative days. And every day we can either schedule it, we could go through those, you could overrule the agenda and we can take them up and we can do those