

point at the end of the session. And I don't even have a comprehensive list but you know as well as I some of the big ones, Senator Chizek's state aid bill to schools, Senator Nelson's bill that would do nursing reimbursements. Senator Smith has a good little bill out there for the elderly, and, obviously, I have got some good little bills out there for children, as Senator Lynch pointed out. There are higher education issues that people are going to want to address later, the big ticket item coming with technical colleges, and the list goes on. And each of you as you sit there probably have some other worthwhile ideas for how we should spend the money this year. And I guess I rise at this point just to say that this might be a good time to kind of pause and reflect about what are your priorities this year because, obviously, the fact that there is a bit more money than we have been accustomed to having has gotten us all to thinking about, boy, we can finally do some things that we have wanted to do for a long time. But, obviously, we are not going to be able to do all of those things, and I think if you have not, as an individual, sat down and started to put together that little list of what your personal priorities are, that none of us should have the luxury of just voting for everything just because they sound like good ideas. And, frankly, this is one of those things that sounds like a good idea. If you will recall a few years ago, the state took over welfare. That was a form of property tax relief. The state took over municipal courts. That was a form of local relief, but as I have sat on the Appropriations Committee, I have noticed the cost of those things, which were good ideas and we wouldn't go back and do it differently, but, nevertheless, we are looking at an issue here that will grow and build and build into the state's budget, and I think we need to look at these with a little bit more seriousness than I sense people are doing this morning, that we really need to kind of pause and reflect a bit about where we want to end up this year and what, in fact, our priorities are going to be or otherwise we are going to end up with a logjam of bills out there, all good ideas, all worth funding, and we are going to have a really difficult time at the end of the session arriving at those priorities, if you haven't started making your own personal list of priorities at this point. That is not an easy process. You are not going to do that this morning. Even having done an initial review of the budget, I am not done yet with where I think things ought to come out, but I guess I am just rising to say that I know counties are up against the limit. I have got some of them myself. We have all got them. And I know that people are, in