

SENATOR LYNCH: Yeah, Senator Scofield, I would appreciate that very much. That would be helpful. One time I suggested that the Appropriations Committee should be made up of only the chairmen of the Standing Committees, and that all the agencies of state government should develop their budgets through the Standing Committees so that many more people understood what was being spent out there, and the priorities, as they considered other bills that relate to that agency and their priorities, and then make the recommendation that the...that chairman make the recommendation for that agency of state government as a member of the Appropriations Committee. That would just crank more people in the process and do something to solve the kind of problem you have. But what you suggest would be very helpful at this time for us to understand and I appreciate that.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Senator Lynch. I will see what I...I think the committee is responsive to that notion and I guess with that I will just say I am going to vote to advance your A bill, but, again, I want to reiterate, I guess, my tone and recognize the difficulty of individuals compiling that information right now, but it really is time for us to start setting our individual priorities and start saying how much money am I going to decide is out there? Am I going to vote for a tax increase or am I going to create enough of a problem that I am willing to back it up with voting for one of the sales tax increase bills that are out there, whatever, and start setting your individual priorities, because we are just going to have to do that now. The time is now to start thinking that way, and I will do my best to make sure you have information on that, and I know the committee will be interested in doing that. As I said, it is different when you have got a little bit of a surplus and we are going to have to work together on this if we are going to resolve this in any kind of humane and peaceful fashion at the end of this session. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wehrbein, please, followed by Senator Nelson.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President and members, I guess I will continue on a little bit about this discussion. It has been one of my frustrations that it is hard to put all this picture together on all the expenses that we have, and perhaps in the Appropriations Committee, we do see some of them that the rest of you don't. I voted to advance this bill against my better judgment in terms of the money but I do believe it needs to be