

the Appropriations Committee, and have been there for five years, seems like an eternity, and you look at financial statuses that come across our desk and that change rapidly, and you look at the requests that we have had before our committee, the items that we are looking at to approve and the items, more importantly, that we're looking at to disapprove, you get a feeling that maybe you don't get out here on the floor, I know I didn't before I got on that committee, and that feeling is that you just can't do it all. As a matter of fact we'll be bringing to you a proposal for a budget that will be probably a significant, significant increase from current year appropriations, and yet it is well below, well, well below the requests that we have had, the requests that we have had into our committee from agencies, from concerned organizations, from individuals and obviously the requests that we've had in there from bills brought to us by you for a myriad of very worthwhile ideas. We're going to have to say no to those things, to many of those things. I also am rising because there is another choice that's going to be coming to you, or at least an additional option that is going to be coming to you probably shortly after lunch, at this point, in the form of LB 739 that deals with an income tax rebate, if you will, or return that the Governor, through the Speaker, introduced to the Legislature and I have taken it on as my priority bill, that is going to offer back to the taxpayers the income taxes that were raised inadvertently, in my estimation, through the change in LB 773, passed some two or three...two years ago. In my scheme of things, in my financial status and what I have seen down there I have consciously tried to make room for the amount of money that we are going to try to give back to the taxpayers that they brought into the state and felt very upset, in my estimation, that they were doing so because they were not told that they were going to be asked to increase their taxes. I have kept that number in mind at \$19 million when I have been going through my budgetary decisions and going through the financial statuses that we have had. So I have kept that on...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: ...my list as something that I need to make room for. If there is no room for 84 on a long-term run, and I believe that there is not room for it without some revenue change, there is certainly no room for LB 84 and LB 739, in my estimation. And I am not voting...I did not vote against LB 84's advancement because I am not in favor of property tax