

of the Phase I, Phase II...and, Senator Nelson, I wasn't aware you had an amendment but you certainly ought to also be included in that discussion. I renew that offer and think we probably ought to do that rather than slugging through all of these various amendments. As far as the Lynch amendment is concerned, we all know we're getting near the end of the legislative session, we have begun the session as we always do loading our shopping carts full of all kinds of different spending priorities and we are approaching the checkout stand and we're all looking at our carts and realize our carts are probably a little bit overloaded and we have to decide what items we put back on the shelf, whether we put a total item back on the shelf or whether we take the large economy size of a product, take that out of our basket and take the smaller size to put into our basket. I think this is what Senator Lynch is doing with this right now is engaging in that process of paring down our wish list a little bit. I wish I weren't standing here supporting the Lynch amendment. I wish we were still funding this bill at the same level we were speaking of funding it when it was introduced even. We recognized that was unrealistic when we put the bill to the floor. In conversations we have had with members in the body in the last several weeks, the current level of LB 89 is an unrealistic number. We believe that a \$25 million appropriation this year and a \$25 million appropriation next year, with some other adjustments, obviously, will need to take place in our list of priorities that we're spending money on is a sustainable figure and we think that this particular level, as I say, can be sustained. And as Senator Lynch's priority bill, it is his desire to do some damage to his bill in hopes of getting it passed. I think we owe him the respect and I...of going at the funding level which he is maintaining and I would urge you to support his funding level. Also suggest that we need to carry on this process of which I was speaking of talking off the floor maybe to find out if we can agree or if we just have to agree to disagree on the floor what procedures we'll use to do that rather than using the body's time on the Phase I, Phase II type of approach. So thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Lamb, discussion, followed by Senator Smith.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President and members, thank you for the opportunity to speak. I think all these amendments, we're not talking about the basic philosophical problem here and that's my