

\$2 billion in this budget proportionately, we will be here long after May 24. I hope the Speaker is aware of that and is a little more observant of what has happened this morning. But anyway, I'm awfully glad that Senator Haberman is not anti grain compact. I don't know what I would have had to endure had he been opposed to the idea. He certainly has grilled me thoroughly and I appreciate that and I do not object to it. I think it's important. I think it is far more important at this stage of the compact than perhaps for us to even have done so at the initial stages. Now we have had some experience. We've understood some of the problems. We have had some of the problems outlined for us. In fact, Senator Haberman has suggested a solution or two of which I am not exactly opposed to and we may take a look at them. I want to say that I believe the money is well spent. I want to say that I believe that we have managed your money frugally. We have not spent much of it. We may not spend much of this. If we do spend it, I intend fully to come back here and be able to defend every single expenditure and I hope that that same consideration is extended to me on other issues of appropriations which I request before this body. I want to emphasize again that I do not disagree at all with what Senator Rod Johnson has said. I believe the accountability of all funds, be they funds appropriated directly from this body, be they funds collected by virtue of the checkoffs, be they any other kind of funds that become tax money ought to come under the scrutiny of this Legislature, and if we find that they are not being spent properly, then we certainly have an obligation to step in and use the power of this Legislature to indicate to those entities what we expected. I find it indefensible from the standpoint of the various entities we have described, Senator, that when I go before those bodies and Senator Coordsen will tell you from his experience. In fact, he told me one time, very frankly, some ideas which he may want to visit with you about later on. But when we go before those bodies and we have a suggestion or a request or an advisory suggestion, we are told we run this outfit. We don't need any advice from the Legislature. I don't think that is a good attitude. It's an unusual situation when those of us who write the law, pass it into being and send it to the Governor, are told by those who have never stood on this floor, that's not what the law says. I beg to disagree. Now if this body agrees with me, fine. If they don't agree with me, I accept that also. I have done it many times on this floor. I have lost many times, it doesn't bother me, so long as we have the issue out for open debate. I think that a year from now we ought to