

and choose those things that...and it isn't easy to do that, it isn't easy to say no to anybody, but as I look down this list of bills here, Final Reading and Select File, there are an awful lot of them that are going to pass and should pass and an awful lot of them carry a rather significant fiscal note attached to them. And so I think if you have not yet sat down and picked down this list which ones you're going to knock off or which ones you're willing to go for a veto override on, and if we obviously get ourselves in enough difficulty, are you willing to come in behind and allocate the necessary money and some kind of tax increase, you are really starting to paint us all into a very difficult corner where we, in fact, hand all of our options to put together a budget over to the Governor. The Governor then picks and chooses what items she would wish with a veto and we have spent days and days in here debating about things that really don't have a whole lot to do with anything because we pass the power over to the Governor's office when we start to spend at this level. As I said, they're all good programs. There's nothing wrong with what Senator Hall is proposing, in fact, it's a good program, as are most everything. But I would simply ask you if you haven't done so lately, reflect upon that green list, do you have any bills on there that are yours that you care about? And I can't predict what's going to go and what isn't anymore than you can but I think when we start getting up at that...at the levels that we're starting to push now that you put some of those bills in jeopardy. So I would...I would urge some caution and some thought and not just kind of letting this ball roll which seems to be on a pretty good roll right now. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. You have some rolls there before you this morning. And shall we wish Senator Robak a happy birthday and thank her for the refreshments this morning. Have a birthday any day, Senator Robak. Senator Haberman, please, followed by Senator Moore and Senator Korshoj.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, may I have a question of Senator Hannibal, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hannibal, would you respond, please.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Yes.

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