

at a time than it is to deal with the whole budget...with the budget as a whole when you have to balance one need against another need. That's not exactly what we're doing here on the floor. We're just looking at an individual program and deciding whether it's good or not and voting it up or down. And we're not really balancing needs when we take programs one by one so, please, keep that in mind. The Appropriations Committee does have to make those balancing decisions and it's often very difficult. And I hate to follow Sandy Scofield because she said everything that I was going to say, only better. It is something for us all to keep in mind, the green sheet on a day by day basis, I think the Appropriations Committee would at least appreciate your keeping that in mind as we go along. And, with that, I will simply say thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I don't think it's at all improper that we take time on the budget. I think it's enlightening and I appreciate this opportunity to learn something about it. Most of us, as Senator Korshoj said, understand very little about the process and I have been here a long time, never having served on that committee, I have to ask time after time and I'm lucky that I have Senator Scotty Moore and Lowell Johnson up here in the front seat who try to keep me informed. But the facts are that percentagewise I think we have added 2 or \$2.5 million in this budget on a billion and a hundred million, that's a couple of tenths of 1 percent of the budget, not exactly an astronomical amount of money yet, I don't think. It depends upon how you spend it. If it's a 100...if it's \$10,000 and you don't need it, it's too much. If it's a million dollars and you need it, then it's not too much. And I have some amendments which I have offered which I have not discussed yet and which I may not even...I may withdraw them, based upon the debate we have on this floor because I understand priorities. I understand that the Appropriations Committee has considered those facts very intensely and probably reluctantly didn't appropriate all the money that I requested in some of those bills. But I do hope that we do spend some time on this issue. I know that Senator Scofield refers to a budget which is sustainable and I think that that is a word which will become more and more important on this floor, not only in the days to come but in the years to come. I would suggest and I read with deep interest the newest property tax relief bill that was proposed this morning and I am, frankly, not committed at this