

time. It would appear to me that we have accepted from the people a substantial amount of money and we do not know exactly how much money that is but we know that there are several hundred millions of dollars over the estimated receipts. Whether it came from the increase or whether it came from the economy we do not know but it is something we ought to know prior to the time that we embark upon proposals that will spend all that money. But then we passed LB 361. Unfortunately, I wasn't here that day. I would like to have voted against it. Senator Jennie Robak will go down, I think, in history when the benefits or the causes of that bill are felt out in the country because of her being the only person, I believe, who voted against it. But by, I would think, conservative estimates based upon recent news reports, it would appear that that will increase the property tax by...on rural people by about \$50 million on an annual basis. LB 84, as proposed, in this morning's newspaper will return to farmers about \$25 million. So we're going to give them about half back what they're going to get an increase of under LB 361. That, of course, does not account for the money that was already taken away from them by virtue of the passage of LB 773 in 1987. We have a...we have a tremendous number of programs and we have an awful lot of figures floating around here but we do not have...we do not have...and I appreciate seeing the green sheet now because it gives a little bit...a little bit better idea that we need to have as much as is possible complete numbers so we know within some parameters where we are and where we are going. Senator Scofield, again, commented upon the new prison system and I'm sorry I was not here this morning for the debate on Senator Richard Peterson's amendment. But it would seem to me again that we ought to try to make the most of all of our resources and maybe Senator Peterson's has got a good idea, maybe there is a way we can convert some of those excess structures at the present time...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...to use for some sort of housing for prisoners. I am inclined to believe that the more buildings we build and the more space we have the more inclined we are for government to grow. It's a secret of success for the government to grow and to grow at a modest pace so it's not too noticeable. But I can tell you, very frankly, that if you build another 400 beds, we're going to fill them at that prison and I think sometimes we ought to make use of the facilities we have and see