

sense. And the other question you raise, is then should we fund services and people or bricks and mortar. Senator Moore makes a very good point and that is I think we could get ourselves in a great deal of trouble here by assuming that we can pick up a lot more services with what are essentially one-time spending, and you were honestly pointing that out in your opening. I do have one point I am curious about and that is, have you thought about perhaps striking every item? I am curious why you chose to go with the Governor's recommendation rather than taking all the new spending out for capital construction.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Senator Scofield, if I may respond to you, I think that I guess when I sat here, as I said, when I sat here last week, and I think it was a week we were on, the last whole week on LB 813, and so forth, and I got to thinking, you know, do the numbers match up on that green sheet, you know, and so let's make a clean sweep and then maybe, I think like Senator Korshoj, put some of it back in, if we, you know, if we could do it that way, and that is really what it is. And I, you know, I am really honest with the Appropriations Committee. I think I visited with some of you privately, and so forth, is that I don't understand, I guess, you know, what, you know, why, you know, the 20 items came?. Maybe it was like a ball in a keno operations, why the 20 balls came up, I guess that is also the number of balls for keno, why they came up to the top, and I guess that is what I would like to have in this dialogue this afternoon, Senator Scofield, is, you know, how did you people...you know, I know the Appropriations Committee is one of the toughest committees because you work a lot longer than, especially than we do, Senator Korshoj, my Vice-Chairman in the Urban Affairs Committee, but I just...that is where I guess I come from is just let's do it this way and then, you know, maybe if, you know, if there is 25, put it back in again, and so forth.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: What you are saying, I don't hear any strong opposition though to saying let's go through every new capital construction spending item, item by item?

SENATOR HARTNETT: No, no.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Okay, thank you. Senator Korshoj, I guess to pursue that a little further...

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Yes.