

not spend it. We are spending too much now. When I was home last weekend, why I talked to 12 or 15 constituents, which is not a great number, probably 90 percent of the people in my town, 15 would cover it, but they were all over me like a Persian carpet about why do you keep spending this money, why do you keep spending it? They said every day in the paper we have added 50,000 here, 100,000. I said it is the thing to do. It is the most popular game going on in the Legislature now, and I would like to see some taken out. I don't care if we spend it. I'd prefer not to spend it. If the reserve gets too big, I will give you my word of honor, in three years the reserve will not be that big. So we do not have to spend it. My idea is not to spend. But this particular item, number one, of this dam, I plan on supporting the dam, leaving it in. That was one of them. I have not went item for item what I will or won't support but I don't see anything wrong with us, as a body, hearing why your Appropriations Committee, we don't know these facts. We need to know what went into your decision and it is easier to give us this decision than why you give piece by piece, 200 and some million to the university. We would be forever and a day going over that, but these can be explained in relatively short order. Now I know there will be some complicated things but I am not for this amendment of Paul Hartnett's and myself to take the money and spend it. I want to take it and not spend it. That is where I am coming from and I realize that probably half or more will remain in the budget, maybe 100 percent, but I just think it is a good thing for the process. I get nothing out of it if it is in or out, to be truthful. Just like I argued the other day on those four regional centers for DED, I don't get one. The way they are, I didn't get one with the Red Willow amendment. It makes no difference to my district, but the fact that we keep spending money and spending it, and spending it, they ask why. I don't know. It just looked like the thing to do, I guess. I think probably when we finally get done with the whole mainline budget, why I will probably be able to put a red vote up there on the final day. It may be the only one but we have went wild with our spending. Twenty percent in two years, it is more than that now. I don't care if there have been things on hold, let's hold them and let's use some discretion, which I am not too sure we are using that discretion. But I want to take it out to keep the money, not to spend it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hannibal, did you wish to speak to the motion? I have a number of lights on here. We may