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in LB 814. If you recall, in LB 813, we did talk subject by subject and tried to explain department by department and let questions happen. We did that because that was a cutdown version from last year when we went through the bill item by item, because people wanted us to, and we tried to give as much information as we could.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: It was deemed a little bit too wordy and took too long, and I didn't disagree, but...and so this year, we came to you and said we will go through it agency by agency. We could have done that very easily with LB 814, gone through agency by agency, project by project, and given you an explanation and asked for questions, and then if there were specific projects that people wanted out, we could have had amendments for that, but now it appears we are going to be taking many votes, and maybe everything will work out fine but it seems like it is not going to help our process, and we could have done this a lot quicker and at least gotten to the projects people specifically wanted to talk about. So I am a little perplexed by it all.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wehrbein, please.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, I guess I am a little perplexed, too, but I guess I will speak just briefly to the Atkinson dam and say that I would support it. I'd like to pose a question to the Chair. You don't have to answer me. I would like to know how the vote will be on this when we get to that. If we vote for the Atkinson dam, will we vote yes or no so it will be clear? I am confused a little bit how that will read, and I will hesitate for an answer, go on and come back. I would like to say, as we look about, talk about cutting spending, if we are concerned about cutting spending, I would like to say that a lot of us were concerned about that last week, or at least for the 10 days, and I hope that you will consider strongly, if you want to cut expenses now, that what you are doing to the capital budget, if that is the process, we put in about \$5 million in the last 10 days, and I think it would be unfortunate then, if you'd turn right around and try to take that whole 5 million out of a worthwhile capital construction budget. Not only did that 5 million add money year after year on a base building basis, but it will not, in contrast to this money that in most cases is one-time money, or