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LB 84, 525, 813, 814

the gang of four. I mean, if you really want to do this, let's cut back LB 84 a little bit, let's find some things in 814 we can live without and cut that back, let's find some things in 813 we can live without and cut that back. If you really want to do this, let's be up front and realize the money is going to have to come from somewhere, and if we really want to do it, I think it should come out of LB 814, out of LB 813,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR MOORE: ...as well as possibly LB 84, but not just LB 84.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wehrbein, followed by Senator Lamb.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President and members, I, too, strongly support this, at least the concept, and I'd really strongly urge a vote for this, at least for one more stage until we can maybe figure out where we are better at. If I may a little bit, I don't often tell stories, but I remember when I first started farming in 1962, an older farmer, at least he looked, I thought he was older at that time, quite successful, I asked him what was the secret to successful livelihood in agriculture in this case, and he said, always put away some money in the good years so you will have it when the bad years come, because they are going to come. And I guess that is something I have never forgotten, and I think it is probably appropriate advice even today. I don't necessarily want to be that pessimistic because I guess I am really not, but on the other hand, I think it is a prudent thing to do at this time to consider this, and I guess I would say in answer to Senator Moore, I wouldn't necessarily need to think that it has to come out of one particular bill, or in the case of LB 84, or whatever, but it could come from several places. We added \$5 million to our base two days ago. That is \$5 million of ongoing spending that if you take the inflation, that is higher than that. And so we have added quite a significant amount of money to our base already in these last two days that we are going to have to pay the piper for, and I think if we look ahead and decide we are going to need this money, and many will say, well, we simply can raise taxes, and I would submit that that would be one of the hardest things to do will be to raise taxes in some tough years, which I am thinking we are going to probably get into, and we are going to have to make some very serious discussions about whether to raise taxes or cut