

time. As all of us know, there have been a number of spending measures passed in the...by this Legislature in the past week or so. I am sure each of us has our own priorities as to which of those spending measures should be vetoed and which should not be vetoed. As a matter of fact, I would not be concerned if there were a number of vetoes on certain of these programs, certain of these projects, but, at the same time, there are certain ones that I would be very upset and concerned about if they were vetoed and they were not, in fact, overridden and we didn't have the chance to override them. If we pass LB 739 at the present time in its present form, we are going to limit our options because if this bill is passed, I am sure it will be signed and you take \$25 million right out of the options that we may have as far as veto overrides. What I am going to urge the body to consider at this time is that we bracket this bill until after we get the veto messages back on LB 813 and LB 814, the budget and the capital construction bills. At that time, this Legislature can set the agenda. This Legislature can use this discretion to determine which of the programs or which of the projects should be sustained with the vetoes, which of them should be overridden and if, in fact, we choose to override a number of those vetoes, we have the option of not advancing this bill. If, in fact, we choose to sustain the vetoes, we would then also have the option of passing this bill but it would be done after we have considered...or after, at least, we are aware of what those vetoes are, because right now we are acting without any knowledge as to exactly what vetoes will be made. I think it is the Legislature's responsibility to set our agenda. It is the Legislature's responsibility to accept a certain amount of authority and...and responsibility of our own in setting the budget, in setting the...in determining which spending programs should be passed or which spending programs should be...should be kept by overriding the vetoes that may be made. For that reason, I made the bracket motion. I think it's a reasonable approach. I hope that there will be enough and sufficient support to, in fact, allow us to bracket this bill just until we get the message back on 813 and 814 because then, I think, the picture on the budget issues, the picture on the spending programs will become much clearer. At that time, we can then determine whether or not we want to pass LB 739. I can tell you that 739, in my view, does not achieve its stated purpose. It does not reimburse the people who paid the tax increase. And, politically, I don't think it makes any difference whether or not 739 passes or does not pass because if 739 passes, I still think that we, in the Legislature are going