

John Kelly was working for Morrison he used to bring me one-liners, many of which I loved, one of which I remember is you deal with things as they are, not as you wish they might be. And we are now dealing with budgets as it is. The determination of where we are now was made over the last few weeks and we all participated. I'm not going to lay it on any one thing. It's always the cumulative consequences of all acts and each of us individually, no doubt, can find how we voted yes and no on a variety of things and on the base in our votes, everything balanced, but collectively it doesn't and that's how it is so we deal with it now. I'm inclined not to support a delay because I don't think a delay will cause any change. The other day when 272 was advanced, an amendment was adopted, I knew I was making a choice then and I knew that choice was that the money was going to come out of 813, 814, A bills, substantive legislation that's passed. It was obvious. You knew that was, at least I knew I was making that choice and I was ready to accept it and still am. It doesn't make me feel very good. If we wait till tomorrow and force the Governor to veto a bunch of things to make room for it, it's not going to help 272A I don't believe. Maybe it even makes it more painful not to pass. I agree with Senator Abboud. This issue has drug on and drug on and it has drug on long enough. And whatever we have to do to rectify the mistakes of the past over a lot of people, as far as I'm concerned this is the year to do it and whatever the price we have to pay, we pay. By the way, that \$55 million gap does not solve 32 million worth. It is only 8 million that it solves on the green sheet because you divide any one-time expenditure by four. It helps this year, there's no question about that if it isn't done on the budget side but that by itself doesn't solve the problem that we still have or the Governor still...well, the Governor doesn't have a problem, we've got a problem. So I'd urge you to, if you believe that, as I do at least, that the wrong should be made right, then we ought to vote for 272A knowing that we built the situation, all of us, including myself, I'm not critical of anybody, and get it done, get it over with and behind us. And then those things that are not funded that have been enacted or those laws that have been passed that will have to be vetoed, those can be done next year.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Langford, followed by Senators Moore, McFarland and Wesely.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. President, I call the previous question.