

four sheets but two different documents. One of them shows the financial status. If you look on the second page of that one, General Fund Financial Status, look at the bottom of the second sheet, based upon a four-year planning document, the Governor would have to take 28 million, approximately, an average, of what results in vetoes of an average of 28 million over those four years for a 4 percent reserve, or an average of 21.7 million to get to a 3 percent reserve. Irregardless, if you look at the back of the green sheet, as I indicated earlier, additional vetoes to what have been made already must be done by the Governor even to get to the legal 3 percent for this biennium. Those who choose not to look at beyond the next two years, just look through the budget cycle that we are dealing with, even in that case, more vetoes than what we have received back must occur. The second sheets that you were handed outlines the bills that have been passed Monday and Tuesday, identified by dollar amount and by total. If you look at those, there is roughly 10 and 12 million for each of the years on the Monday bills. Actually it is less than that, it is about eight. And then the Tuesday bills run about 39 million, so all you have to do is as overrides are made you add that dollar amount to either 21 or 28 million, and subtract it from the total on these sheets. There is nothing magic about it. That is just how it is. The Legislature does have a choice, and our choice is to override some of these things today as they will in your collective opinion have a higher priority than some of these on these sheets because, obviously, there is not room for all. With that explanation, I have personally no intent to stand up and argue against every veto. I think the cumulative effect of what we do here collectively today will determine the fate of legislation enacted Monday and Tuesday, and we all should understand that. Obviously, one or two small items has no impact, but ten or twelve or fifteen small items all of a sudden will have a major impact, and the impact will be on the bills that were passed the last two days. There are certainly items that I personally would like to see funded that are included, as I am sure everyone of us feel that way, but for myself, at least, I am accepting what I have no choice, as I see it, and that is to sustain the vetoes and in hopes that some of the bills that many of you voted for in the last two days might be able to survive, because as I have indicated, as we override, each time another bill obviously becomes a potential of veto in order to balance the budget.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, the first motion.