

distributed a preliminary report of the Appropriations Committee. This is pursuant to Rule 8, Section 2 and Section 3, and Section 3 where it says in even-numbered years the committee must give a preliminary report to the body between 15 and 20 legislative days after the Governor's budget address, and so we had until actually Friday to present this report. As you can see, it is the color purple, so we finally have a purple sheet inside the Chamber for this, and those of you from a few years ago recognize the humor in that. If you want to page...we have taken some time to try and explain some things in here. The financial status which once the...in March and April will be on the floor of the Legislature, we spent some time going through this and explaining what the various lines are in that. If you look at that, basically, in our preliminary report, what we have done thus far is went through all the agency requests and those items that the committee in our preliminary recommendations felt were, shall we say, have to, that we really had no choice but to put them in are in, and that is all that's in at this point in time. Basically, I think it would be a discretion that we have a...want to make a choice. We are going through the committee hearings. Those committee hearings started last Thursday. They will last through February 13, and then it is our plan by February 1 to have a recommendation to the floor. So I would urge the body to go through this. There is one change in the Governor's numbers. Since the Governor had presented his budget to the body last month, last week he had notified the committee and the Legislature that there are refunds, there were refunds pending from '86 through '89, that had accumulated about \$3.2 million. Those are included in his budget numbers, and so that is why the numbers on the purple sheet would differ from his numbers originally. So I encourage the members to read through this. If you have any questions, please ask the other members of the committee or myself. We'll do our best to try and explain it to you. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER BAACK: You went over your allotted time by ten seconds, but that's okay. Thank you, Senator Moore. We will now proceed to Final Reading. Members, please take your seats so we can begin Final Reading. Members, please return to your seats so we can begin Final Reading. Mr. Clerk, LB 27.

CLERK: (Read LB 27 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER BAACK: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 27 pass?