

morning is the morning we begin debating the budget bills and the budget recommendations of the Appropriations Committee. If you happen or if you do not have the turquoise book, there are copies over on the right up here. It may be helpful to follow along if you have a copy of that. We have extra copies over on the right hand side by the fiscal office staff over there. Also, the actual amendment, AM3186, there are copies of that over there too, and if you want to get copies of that, you should have both of those things in your book, but if want to get extra copies, there are copies over there. As far as procedure that what we're talking about here, the bulk of the Appropriations Committee recommendations, actually there are four bills in our recommendation. There was five bills. One of those bills was referred to the Government Committee and was killed in the Government Committee and so now that package is down to four bills. The bulk of our recommendation is actually contained in the committee amendments which is AM3186 to LB 1022 introduced by the Governor. And actually, if you look at your turquoise book and you look at the back of that, pages 23-27, and if you look, you know, obviously, as an example, if there's a change, if there's a difference between the Governor and the Appropriations Committee recommendation, that is contained in AM3186. If the committee recommendation and the Governor's recommendation are the same, then actually there is no committee amendment contained in 3186. That is in LB 1022 and is not addressed in the committee amendments and so actually the bulk, with the exception of the other three bills in our package, the bulk of our recommendation and actually all of our recommendation on the spending side is contained in the committee amendments to LB 1022. If you look at pages 23 through 27, you can see the dollar amounts that the committee is different than the Governor where the Governor and the committee coincide. And so procedurally, we are going to debate the committee amendments this morning. You obviously may file amendments to the committee amendments or amendments to the bill itself, but as far, as you're well aware of, according to Rule 6, Section 3, any amendment to an appropriation bill will take 25 votes regardless and so unlike other bills before the body where an amendment to the committee amendment takes a majority of those voting, in this case an amendment to the committee amendments will still take 25 and so you can choose to file those amendments any way you wish. I'd also urge members of the body if they have amendments that they wish to be drafted up, if they'd please consult with the fiscal office. Many member of those, of that office, is up here on the right or down