

thing about this bill, it only costs \$28,000. The bigger problem is what is this body going to do, you know, if you don't believe me, maybe you'll believe the Governor, but we have a tremendous problem staring us in the face next year when it comes to cutting the state budget. And if you don't want to do across-the-board cuts, you want to get into specific cuts, there's going to have to be many statutory changes to do that. What is our process going to be? Obviously, there's a bill coming up later, LB 1272, that many people don't like. That bill actually went to another committee. The Education Committee heard it and advanced it, we've included that in our package. And so, I mean, I don't know, but there's going to be...I'm sure there's going to be a great amount of debate on that. Some people think that bill is wrong. And it's just one of those things that if you're not willing to punch the button to cut these programs, we have a problem on the only alternative we're going to have is maybe you can find somebody else that you can cut without somebody squealing, or we're going to have to raise taxes to do that. You know, this is a mere \$28,000 bill, but the process here is important. I think we need to set down in our rules what the process is going to be to look at these bills. I mean I think it is proper to have a hearing before a committee. But you go back to the mid-eighties, that was the year the Appropriations Committee introduced 28 bills, and only 2 or 3 of them ever got out of committee. Next year the Appropriations Committee may have to introduce a good number of bills to try and balance the budget. They may not come out of committee. I introduced, myself, introduced five bills in the Health and Human Services Committee, were not exactly fun bills to introduce, trying to address our Medicaid problem. All five of those bills were killed promptly by five o'clock. So it's one of those things when, for budgetary reasons we send it to the policy committee, that policy committee, for very good reasons, is not of the opinion we ought to close or eliminate that program, but we have a problem out here on the floor. Although the Athletic Commission is only \$28,000, I think we need to look at this issue. I know some people have a problem with bringing an education, a bill heard in Education Committee into our package, it's a budget cut. But that one...a bill was introduced, it was heard, it came out of Education Committee,...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: ...the proper way to do it. Should we introduce bills in some of the other committees, oftentimes have those