

committees kill those bills, I don't know what it is we're going to do procedurally to try and address budget cuts when it takes a statutory change to do it. Our hands are somewhat tied as evidenced by the Government Committee's action. I mean obviously it's...I appreciate Senator Conway, as Chairman of the committee, saying, yes, we killed the bill, now we're coming to make the case why, in our opinion, you need to appropriate \$28,000. I appreciate that's the proper way for it to happen. I will vote against that. Probably the bigger issue is procedurally in our rules, next year, how we are going to do this. I mean if we...there's, obviously, it's a...particularly in a mid...well, when we change committee, it's not like the Appropriations Committee can meet in November and December, introduce a bunch of bills to cut the budget, if we need to in the first of January. Logically, those bills must be introduced later in the session, that's the only time you can make that decision, when you've looked at all of that, particularly when you have a new committee. And...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR MOORE: Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. And again, I also wanted to pick up on the theme that Senator Moore was talking about, more for the record and trying to explain to the members of the body what I...what I view as some difficulties looming next year, not specifically, but, from this amendment, Senator Conway, as you know, because Senator Conway and I have discussed this issue before, but in the context of if next year is as bad a year as we anticipate it being budgetarywise, and if the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature is going to have to take a cut, and we have to reduce the budget, the question that the body has to ask itself is, how will the Appropriations Committee be able to do that? As the system is now, and I have no qualms with the system as it is now, it opens up the process which I agree is helpful to the body to participate more. But the way it works now is the Appropriations Committee took a cut, in this case, of the Athletic Commission, of \$25,000. We reduced the budget to make the budget balance. Next year it may be more in the case of cuts for millions of dollars to make the budget balance. This