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things. We fussed this year about the million seven that, I don't know where it's at now, on LB 1272 if we didn't do it. Some other good programs are going to have to go, next year a whole bunch more will go. I think the thing that ought to be done is give us a chance to take a clean shot, those of you who want to use the money for this purpose, fine, and you could also help those of us that are here, help find the place to make the cuts next time. But I would prefer the funds were not used and we start to build this state in a position that we can weather through the cuts that we're going to have to make next time with minimum...with minimum damage to existing programs before we embark ourselves out on a whole bunch of new things, even as meritorious as they might be. The only way I can get to that motion is to do what I've done, filed another division of the question in Section 28 and try to cut them out one at a time. It's unfortunate but that's the way it...as Senator Bohlke has indicated, that's the way the road has been laid out so I'll travel the road that we have to travel to get to where I would like to get us, but it's a long way to go when we could get there in a very short order without some of the things that have been filed.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, I don't know how many of you listened to what Senator Chambers had to say, but I, for one, I guess agree to them or with him. This isn't necessarily the way I would prefer to go about handling bills but the fact is the rules are drawn not to be obstructionist but rather to facilitate the consideration of issues. Without overruling the Chair at this point, this will be the last issue we will consider today. Some of you may think that's fine. Others of you may think that we ought to be looking at the landfill problem, the judicial redistricting problem, some of the other issues that are there. We simply will not touch those issues because, in this case, and I think we can talk about whether the programs are good or bad but the fact is this question is divided not to allow decent debate on each one of these several issues, it is divided for the sole purpose of killing the...killing the amendment. That's all it is. We have all done that. I've done it and I think everybody in this room has done it. You file these...and Senator Chambers said it well. He's probably done it more than anybody. You divide questions, you use the rules to try to defeat bills. And when you're looking at a time when you've got four hours left to