

variety of people and addressed some of the building needs this biennium. And here, 12 months later, we're coming back in, we have to have more. We have to build more and forget about operations, next year will take care of itself, next year we'll raise some other taxes. Well, I predict we won't raise taxes. We'll have to go in and cut some very worthwhile programs when today we gave a very legitimate tax base that could have helped address those things. And where are those programs going to be? They're going to be in some of the exact areas, this amendment. Now, as I said, I don't want to divide the question. I don't want to take time. I want to have a clean shot at trying to keep these cigarette funds going to the General Fund so we can help address our pending problems in the State of Nebraska. I simply think it is imprudent and unwise to lock ourselves in on these things when we know...we know what the future is in the State of Nebraska. Now is not the time to do the...if there were dire emergencies, yes, none of these things can be postponed, none of them. There's not one of them. They're all important. We have the state college remodeling fund, the solid waste land (inaudible) closure, I mean, you may have to do something about that. I agree, that's probably the most important one of all. (inaudible) I like to do. We've got ways we can deal with that. You don't need to swallow the whole cookie to enjoy the taste. We can do something with those things. But to...but to take it all off the table, lock it in, untouchable for next year, I mean, I've been part and party doing that before. We did it last year. A lot of these university programs we funded last year, bricks and mortar rebuilt last year. While I'm sitting there knowing the best and worst case scenario in a few matter of months, it just doesn't make sense to spend the money like that. Nor does it make a whole lot of sense to spend the rest of the day debating how to do it. Let's push the ejection button now. This bill came to us way out of order. I think it's very unfortunate that those other bills on Select File that were designated priority bill earlier, got out of committee earlier are going to be held hostage by this maneuver, by those who couldn't get their bill there, and I understand that. On this particular amendment, itself, Senator Beutier and I will disagree. The amendment filed up there does not have the appropriation language in there so actually if you adopt the amendment as is, you can't spend it on anything. I mean, he has the proper amendment back at his desk, that's not filed, so there is a problem there. And we have to go through five or six rule suspension motions and, yes, at a time when term limits are out there looking at us we