

spending authority out of the hands of the Legislature and places it in the hands of the executive. I mean, that's what my objection to is on this. Do we have a commitment? We sure have a commitment. Will I vote onto that commitment? I sure will. Which then gets to the new issue that was brought up today and that is, should we pay more of this commitment up front? Shall we be paying more this year so we don't have what may appear to be unrealistic. If I were you, I would say, yeah, they can put numbers in a bill that are these huge numbers in outyears they don't really mean to need them. I would be suspicious if I were on your side too. Can we do more this year? I don't know. That's kind of Senator Wehrbein and...

SENATOR LINDSAY: Time.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...the Appropriations Committee. Is that time?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Good, I'll wait and keep you spellbound until my light comes on again. I'll tell you what I was going to say the rest of the time.

SENATOR LINDSAY: I almost want to call on you right away. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Well, now, Mr. President, I almost wanted to yield the rest of my time to Senator Withem, but maybe I won't since he has his light on already. Interesting conversation certainly. What's interesting to me about this is thinking back, Senator Withem mentioned going back over the years and certainly the body of the Legislature did, in fact, create this economic development program which is, quite frankly, one of the more successful ones, and made a commitment in doing that but didn't really make a commitment in any firm way as to how the funding was going to be provided for as the program unrolled. It was interesting to me and we hear a lot of comments here about this economic sector, that economic group, but with regard to the issue before the body today it was the agriculture community, through Senator McKenzie, that stepped up to the plate and said, we're going to take part of this. I find that sort of volunteerism awfully inapparent in the 775 mix of benefits. I didn't see anyone stepping to the plate in the Micron issues and saying, we're going to make up part of those benefits although not many of them accrue to this, to us. There