

because I want to stay on this bill, but there is another issue that was raised about the budget that Senator Chambers brought up about irresponsible spending of the money that the Appropriations Committee is going to recommend in the budget, and I will remind you at this point of the \$50 million Maximus, that money is not yet spent in many ways. So if you want to be responsible and not use the Maximus money, you can and you will not be able to do many of the A bills up there, but you will be able to go home with a balanced mainline budget that we need to do. But we will not be able to do ethanol, we will not be able to do anything in the crime bill area, we'll not be able to do anything in the economic development which may make some of you happy, I understand that. But we are not totally dependent on the Maximus to balance our budget. We think we have been prudent in what we allow. We have put 20 million over, we could put all 50 million in the cash reserve. It if never comes, we don't need it. But we thought it was prudent to allow 30 so that we could do some of the things that most of us feel that we should do. So a lot of these decisions are going to be up to the Legislature in the next 30 days as to what you want to do with the money and how you want to spend that is allocated. It's an unusual situation this year because we have a huge amount of money in A bills standing out there, so we had to allocate quite a bit, so we needed to use that Maximus to do a responsible job, but it still doesn't mandate that you do it. So it is going to be up in the end, probably 30 days from today as we sit here, what will be your best prudent judgment of what we will do with the budget this year. Do you use Maximus responsibly because you think it will be there, or do you not? So if the question is going to be framed now, we'll frame it now. That's the way it will be. But I would prefer that we would stay on this issue because I think this is important, this particular bill, LB 889, it's important to the lives of several people. It's important for the Legislature and this body and the executive branch to have a trail, so let's stay with this issue...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...and I'm perfectly willing to discuss Maximus whenever it can appear in the future, but I would much prefer to have this bill move on its merits. If you have problems with it, that's fine, but let's stay with this issue and get it worked out because I think it's important. And we hear a lot of talk about people's lives and the hypocrites in