

that the amendment be withdrawn.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to indefinitely postpone LB 106. Senator Dierks has the option to lay it over, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Dierks, you want to take it up, or lay it over?

SENATOR DIERKS: I'll take it up.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, we now have financial information from the Appropriations Committee. And as we inevitably must, I think we probably should begin that discussion today about how much money is being spent, how much money is there for A bills, which A bills are there for our consideration, and how in the world we could ever pass a bill like this in light of the fact that we don't have money to do much at all. What I've done is to pass out to you, and I hope you'll look on and follow on this sheet of paper, called "Major Bills Pending". These are all of the major bills that are currently pending before the Legislature, to my knowledge. And if you follow along on this, I think it presents you with some fairly clear choices. First of all, as I understand it from the Appropriations Committee, the bill that has come forth from the Appropriations Committee, and I'm sorry Senator Wehrbein is not here, but I invite other members of the Appropriations Committee to refine or make more exact what I am saying. But basically the proposition that is coming from them is...envision increases in spending for both years, somewhat in excess of the rate of inflation. It is a budget that the nine members of the Appropriations Committee have determined to be appropriate for this particular point in time for the State of Nebraska. And I think they have adopted the old nine blocks of granite theory, as I understand it, a strategy made popular by Senator Warner. And maybe I'd just ask Senator Maurstad or Senator Brown, I assume that we have nine votes against us for everything that we want to change in the appropriations bill. Would that be correct, Senator Maurstad?