

So the probabilities are we do have about \$17 million to spend. That \$17 million represents the amount of money over the minimum reserve that we're allowed to have under the law, the 3 percent reserve. So if you all intend to fund ethanol, which is \$16 million, I think simply what you're doing with a vote against this motion is basically saying you intend to exceed what is already a very ample Appropriations Committee budget, and I think that's definitely one message we shouldn't be sending out there. I mean when the public starts hearing about the fact that we've got, even assuming special education cap of \$44 million increase on line in the priority bills and our own budget only allows for 17 million, it's not going to make sense to the public, as it doesn't make sense to us today. I was hoping maybe the Appropriations Committee or certain members thereof might indicate some weak spots in the ongoing appropriations, some areas that they felt maybe we wouldn't...shouldn't spend as much. But I didn't hear any of that either, which leads me further to the conclusion that probably it's going to be pretty tough to change anything in the Appropriations Committee budget. So if you're prepared to go beyond the 17 million, vote against the motion to indefinitely postpone. But if you want to stay within the \$17 million budget, then...and you intend to vote for ethanol, then I don't see how you have any choice, any logical choice but to vote for the motion to indefinitely postpone. I think that's the fiscally responsible thing to do. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the closing. The question is, shall LB 106 be indefinitely postponed? All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'd ask for a call of the house and a roll call vote.

SENATOR CROSBY: There's been a request for a call of the house. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 24 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: The house is under call. Would all senators please record their presence. Would all senators please return to the Chamber and record your presence. Would all unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Question that we are voting on is whether or not to indefinitely postpone LB 106. And