

SENATOR WITEK: If you're not willing to cut what Senator Avery has suggested then come in with your own suggestions on what you are willing to cut because that's what needs to be done now. And I think...I think that's the direction that we should be going in instead of just out of hand saying we're not going to vote for someone's suggestion for a cut. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Wehrbein, on the Avery amendment. You waive off. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, I would like a question to Senator Wehrbein, please.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR ROBINSON: How much...how much will the overall budget increase this year?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: It's 5.7 percent the first year and 4.9 the second.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay. Okay, I would like to...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: General Funds.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I would like...Senator McKenzie, I have a question for you. Senator McKenzie is the person bringing the lid bill. What will be the lids on subdivisions?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Senator Robinson, the lids are currently at 5 percent and LB 613 proposes to lower that to 4 percent.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay, thank you. So...so what we're saying is that we're going to spend...I'm not...I'm not talking on any specific cut for any...but what we're telling people we're going to spend close to 6 percent, you people, you subdivisions out there, if we pass that bill, and I heard the Governor speak last night for 15 or 20 minutes, and I know he's...he's behind that, but we're going to spend it but you people are going to cut. That's the message we're going to give if we spend this much money. I don't think we're going to spend that much money because there's going to be a lot of red ink out there. And I'm a good friend of Senator Wehrbein's and the people on the Appropriations Committee but we've got to face the facts, folks,