

spending considerations, it's important that this be part of the consideration. I share Senator Robinson's and others concern about the total spending and I know we'r going to have to cut somewhere and believe me, when we first started in Appropriations Committee our Chairman of the committee, which is a great committee by the way, took almost 200 million out to begin with so we would force the agencies to give us something to look at. Decisions were not easy. Also want to remind you since I had a chance to talk about 309 that in the past ADA and Fire Life Safety cost problems were not part of the 309 responsibility. It could have been accidentally but generally they were the things that were managed, these kinds of remodeling, these kinds of new construction, extra cost considerations were part of the agencies and project cost. Now they're not. Now 309 is responsible for ADA and for Fire Life Safety construction costs. It's an additional responsibility that we have to manage and rightfully so. They should be managed through a 309 process. Again that adds to the responsibility and the financial burden and the \$4 million wouldn't even come close, to be completely frank, to what just the ADA and Fire Life Safety costs can be in the existing buildings that we have. And I thought I should get that into the record and I hope that we do allow the trailer bill to pass, at least on General File. Thanks.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Is there any further discussion on the committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Wehrbein, to close.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, very briefly, Madam Speaker and members of the body, I would simply urge you very seriously at this point to consider advancing this bill. I understand your concerns and I think the Appropriations Committee also shares your concerns about the spending. This is simply something that we as Appropriations Committee feel should be out there and be considered with the rest of the A bills that are coming along too. Perhaps this...and you can make up your own mind, but if you do slow down its advancement at this point, these options will not be out there in a couple weeks. We're here with about 16 days left I think and so the next two weeks are going to be spent mostly on these kinds of subjects. But if you feel that 309 for example, taking care of what we've got now is important, then this bill should advance and remember, I understand there's probably going to be Select File amendments on the mainline, probably taking out. There could be...this can be amended too