

will test how much money you think we should spend and what you think we should spend it on. And, obviously, I'm offering the motion because this is not one of my personal priorities. There are other things that I would rather spend the money on. And we have to get rid of at least one, and probably two major items of spending, otherwise we will be spending more money than the Appropriations Committee set out for us to spend, and that particular goal itself is considerably higher, somewhat higher, different from what the Governor set out for us to spend. And I think that we're probably all roughly in the ballpark in the sense that we don't want to spend more than what the Appropriations Committee has recommended. And if that's where we are, we have someplace, depending on what you do with the special education cap and a couple of other items, we have someplace between 17 and 23 million dollars to spend on A bills. Now, I have always been a big supporter of ethanol, you all are aware that I fought for a bigger producer share of ethanol. But we've come to a compromise on ethanol, and I am a believer in, one, in the purpose of the ethanol production credits, generally. But, secondly, and most importantly, once government makes a commitment I think it's incumbent upon us to pay in an orderly fashion, to make provisions for the payments on that commitment. And the \$16 million that we've agreed upon and the breakdown, the compromises that were reached on that, to me, that's settled in my mind and I want to pay it and be done with it and get a hunk of it out of the way this year, when we know we have the money. Times may or may not be good in the coming biennium. And if we do that, and if the commitment to that is here, which I sense it is, that's \$16 million, that's \$16 million out of the 17 to 23, depending on what we do with other things. And there are a whole list of other bills here, and I'm sure each of us is interested in three, or four, or five of the other items on that green sheet to add to the \$16 million. Well, there are three or four real major items, one is the crime bill, 5, 6, \$7 million, depending on how you do it, maybe as much as 8, that's a pretty high priority for a lot of us. Another are the child care credits, \$10 million, that's pretty high priority for others of us. But you can't have child care credits and crime bill and this bill and the myriad of little bills that are going to be added on and come anywhere close to staying within the general confines of the Appropriations Committee budget. I mean, we've just got to start being truthful with each other and picking out those things that don't work and get rid of them and let's get down to the ballpark where we can produce, actually produce a