

money to override. We put total responsibility of the Legislature in the Governor's office, absolutely irresponsible to our constituency and certainly against all concepts of economic and financial criteria that our forefathers put into a legislative branch. On Select File now is where the rubber hits the road, you've got to put up or simply move on and abrogate all of our responsibilities and say, you're right, Senator Bernard-Stevens, once again you predicted the future, once again you're right, we're going to pass these things onto the Governor. Now there will be a motion filed maybe tomorrow, Senator Robinson is thinking about the motion. I know he's talked to a bunch of senators saying, why don't we refer the budget committee...the budget bill back to committee and tell them that they have to cut X number of dollars before they can bring the bill back. And, Pat, I'm going to do my praying again...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...and maybe the body will show me wrong, but that motion is not going to pass. And the reason it won't pass because even if the committee did that and it came back out, it would be on General File again and we'd have to go through all the things on General File, and then we'd go again on Select File. And then there would be interest groups, where things were cut, would be back trying to get other things on. And then you'd have maybe Senator Dierks coming up saying, I think we can do this portion and add it back because I'm going to put my bill on hold, and then next year when everything gets worked out we'll pass the bill and we'll still have the spending because we never made the decision to say no. Senator Beutler's bracket motion was so responsible to all sides and yet it was even somewhat irresponsible in a way because we had an out. We could say we didn't kill the bill. We saved \$6 million, but we really didn't because we still may do it next year, and we couldn't even say yes to that.

SENATOR HALL: Time. Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Mr. Clerk, an amendment to the amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Senator Chambers would move to amend. (See FA215 found on page 2119 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR HALL: Senator Chambers, to open on your amendment to the amendment.