

that contract and we need to be responsible and support that contract. So I don't...I don't consider that part of this overspending that has been going on on this floor, but there has been overspending on this floor. It's been a worry to me and I've mentioned it several times as we've gone along and I hope that if we do send this bill back that Appropriations can show a little more constraint than has been shown by the senators on this floor because maybe they're a little more aware of the big picture when they get everything together that we're not, if we take things on a one-on-one basis here, they're aware of the big picture and they...

SENATOR HALL: Time.

SENATOR WITEK: ...can make some of those cuts. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Warner, your light is next.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I wanted to speak a little bit more here because the...the motion that I filed up there, should it be adopted, is a start, not the end. It's not a minor policy change if you decide to do this, it's a major policy change. It will take enabling legislation. I indicated, I've got a draft here from a bill I was going to introduce in '92 but was also...I didn't, but I did in '84 and it was the Appropriations Committee that came through, and it was from the experience that we had had for the previous six years where we were faced with making reductions in special sessions, limited as to what we could do. Entitlement type, and I'm not talking social programs but any authorization of the budget that was an entitlement in nature, you couldn't touch because you could reduce the budget but all you did was build up the deficit because they had to be funded. But you should understand that if this is done, it would take 33...well, first it would take 30 votes to suspend the rule. I've got a bill that I offered to be amended on Final Reading. It takes 33 votes to be enacted because it needs an emergency clause to be effective. The Legislature doesn't lose anything in terms of the body as a whole, however, because whatever programs that would be contained in the...the language that would be contained in the appropriation bill which would be to the effect that there is no funding provided for section so and so of a law that we all have the opportunity then to vote or not...or to vote for or against those amendments with 25 votes being required to