

judgments but value judgments. That is what they are doing. We have a lot of proposals before us that will cost money that ought not to be considered. As I said before, they are political. The crime bill, which I hate for all kinds of reasons, is strictly a political maneuver. Who in here thinks that if we don't jump on the bandwagon and try to abolish all crime this session, that it won't be here next year. Or if we pass the bill, who thinks that crime is going to go away. But it is a hot political issue, and it is going to cost \$8 million. I think it is going to cost a lot more than that, but that's one that will be untouchable, untouchable. And we will talk about these other programs that do have some validity, that will be of value somewhere, and those are the ones that will be facing the possibility of cuts. If I had an amendment that was on that bill, and it was sent back to the Appropriations Committee, and they decided it doesn't have merit, do you think that is going to stop me from offering it again. In fact, not only would I offer it, but I'd be angry at the committee, so I would redouble my efforts and I would try my best to derail every amendment that they said was better than mine, because what they would be asked to say is that these amendments are worthy of consideration by the body; those others are not worthy. This is one of the most hair-brained, ridiculous ideas that I've seen in a long time. I noticed Senator "Bud" Robinson didn't say that he and I have our little conflicts and then get back together, but we always do. Opposites attract. (Laughter) But, anyway, I know Senator Robinson has a thick skin, just as I have. We must have...Senator Robinson, I going to tell you why I keep mentioning my bills, to make it clear that I'm not speaking as one who is not vulnerable to retaliation. I really want the bills that I have up there, but I'm trying to emphasize that even though what I am saying may have a negative impact on what I'm interested in, I'm still not going to sit here and not say what I think needs to be said. Somebody has got to, and I believe a lot of the things that I say you all think, and if you expressed it, you would use different words, obviously, but we have the most important job, as a Legislature, that we do pending before us now. That's to deal with the budget. If we delay it and put it off to another day, we'll have fewer days in the session. The intensity level will increase. The pressure will become greater. The Governor will be calling more of you in there whipping you into line.

SENATOR HALL: One minute.