

It is either going to be balanced by the floor here by across-the-board cuts, it is either going to be balanced by not passing bills that are on Final Reading and...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...Select File, or it's going to be balanced by the Governor vetoing the budget bill, as well as vetoing some of the other bills that have large A bills, and he will, essentially, be writing the budget, and I guess the body feels comfortable with probably the latter one, with the Governor rewriting the budget. And if that's what they want to do, then that's fine, and so, Senator Robinson, I don't know really it's worth your time to pursue this. We'll just, I guess, plow ahead with...if you want to go ahead and proceed on a vote on this, I guess we can. I don't think it's going to have the support for it, and we will just plow ahead and we'll balance our budget either through the cuts through Senator Avery, or through the Governor's veto pen. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Before we move on to the next speaker, I'd like to recognize guests in the north balcony of Senator LaVon Crosby. They are 35 third graders from Sheridan School in Lincoln, with their teacher. Would you please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you for joining us today. Senator Lindsay, your light is next. Senator Lindsay isn't in the body. He waives off. Senator Will, you are recognized.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I think we've had a very healthy discussion about Senator Robinson's idea about the appropriations process in general. I think we have reached the point where it is time to move on. The discussion has been very thorough, but I think it is time that we got on to whatever we are going to do next. With that in mind, I would yield my time to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Chambers, you are recognized. You have four and a half minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, in line with Senator Robinson's willingness to be reasonable, I'm withdrawing my amendment to his motion, and I yield my time to Senator Robinson.