

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. The amendment to the bracket motion is withdrawn. Senator Robinson, you are recognized with four minutes left.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, Ernie, I have never been reasonable in my life, I want you to know, but, nah, when I get done speaking.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Robinson, that would get passed...

SENATOR ROBINSON: I know.

SENATOR HALL: ...quicker than the bracket motion, but with that, go ahead.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Anyway, we have had a good debate, and I'm not...I believe every thing I've said. I think the budget is too high because we are pointing at all of our subdivisions, you cut more than we do, and I respect the testimony of everyone that opposed me, and I think the Appropriations Committee has done a good job, but there are extenuating circumstances, for me anyway, and for several other people out there. And with the...I think we have about 40 people in the body, and the chances of this amendment not...of passing would be quite small, but we still have the issue out there. Remember, it takes 33 votes to pass an appropriations bill on Final Reading. So the people that have talked to me, I am sure they are going to look at the amendments very carefully as they come at...as they come up. Mr. President, I respectfully withdraw my amendment.

SENATOR HALL: It is withdrawn. Thank you, Senator Robinson. Mr. Clerk, we are back to the bill. Any amendments pending on the bill?

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I have is by Senator Avery. Senator, AM1992, in front of me. It is on page 2008 of the Journal.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Avery to open on your amendment.

SENATOR AVERY: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, 1992, it must have been a good year. The first, this amendment that I have deals in the area of corrections, and I realize there has just been a press conference, there... we've seen some statistics that relate to increases. Last year it showed some decreases,