

it comes down to a matter of process, and from my point of view, and the last time I looked, that everybody on the floor of the Legislature is going to get the chance to vote on the appropriations bill too. And it isn't like if you make the change, in fact, there is a bill that's out there that I wish was with this bill because you could debate the policy and make the change, but as I read that statute, what is done and contemplated under 394 is not impermissible. But that you get the opportunity, and that each one of you is going to get a chance to vote on that budget bill as well. There is unlimited time, as we all know, and you'll be able to make the speeches and do the things that you want to do to the judiciary, but doesn't it make some sense that we give other spending priorities, and that is what this is, is priorities, and we have the Appropriations Committee give you a recommendation of what those state priorities ought to be. If you don't like the priorities, we do what we've been doing the past few days. You put amendments to take things out, you put amendments to put things in, you complain about that block of nine terrible people on the Appropriations Committee, who has no mind other than to follow their leader and blindly vote no on every thing or blindly vote yes. It happens. It will continue to happen, but, from my point of view, and I assume that this amendment probably will pass, and be approved, because no one wants to disturb and if there...I don't know if there is any agreement. I haven't been involved in the judges pay discussion and negotiations, but I assume that there will be enough people we will adopt this amendment, but in terms of what is good policy, in terms of making priority of spending, the reason we elect somebody to be the Chair of the Appropriations Committee, and the reason that those people go on the Appropriations Committee is to begin to give us a system of priority, and I rise to speak because of what Senator Wesely said. He seemed to indicate to you that it was wrong, and that somehow things were going to get slipped by this Legislature, and that the five members of the Appropriations Committee and the Governor could determine judges salary, and you know that's not true. That ultimately what you do is that they give us a recommendation, they give us a blueprint, if you...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...will, and in any one particular year we'll all complain about that or we will all cheer them, but the fact is that somebody gave you the priorities. Will the world