

me, because there is inspiration that people who engage in this activity can draw from others. I draw and I think I draw very well but not to the level where I could call myself an artist. But I think those of us who do share in that inclination ought to encourage each other, and I think if I looked at your work, could talk to you about the value of that work, you would see a value in making these things available to everybody, not just those who do it, but those who would have the opportunity to appreciate it. No matter how great an artist is, as one writer said, that artist...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You said time?

SPEAKER WITHEM: I'm sorry, I did say time, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You didn't give me the one-minute warning.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I believe I did. I gave it...as a matter of fact, I gave it about one minute ago, I believe. Senator Abboud has guests in the north balcony. There are 50 fourth graders from Seymour Elementary School in Ralston, with their teachers. Senator Brown, you are recog...excuse me, let's recognize our guests. I apologize for that. Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thought that hand was for me. Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to oppose the Witek amendment but I am not going to speak specifically to the Witek amendment but rather to some of the things that we've talked about, Senator Vrtiska and Senator Witek talked about, in terms of the Governor's reaction to our budget, and to once again go through what some of our assumptions were, what some of our priorities were. In general, there were two assumptions. One was the Maximus assumption which we talked about in great detail yesterday and we have to look at the fact that we are already one-seventh to the total of the amount that we assumed in our projections for Maximus, one-fourth of the way to the 30 million that we're showing as an offset to General Funds. The other assumption that we made was that we allowed \$17 million for spending on this floor which is quite a bit more than is usual, but it was necessary because the Governor had so many spending initiatives that he had endorsed which were out on the floor, and so we really tried to accommodate those spending initiatives. But there's been talk today about balancing the