

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, a little of both. And my time is running and I guess we will discuss these for a while and at this point...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I'm not really arguing at this point for or against any others, any of these things, but trying to lay the groundwork because I do intend to deal with some of them more specifically, and thank you, Senator Wehrbein, for your help.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, yes, the committee did agree on this motion unanimously to bring it after several other motions and after analyzing and trying to see whether or not we could override everything. Many of us feel and I think you do too that that's unrealistic, but I agree with Senator Wehrbein that we have a manufactured economic crisis. I don't see people selling their boats nor not going to recreation areas over Memorial Day even though it was raining. I just feel that we are the victims, if you want to use that word, of the current political situation. That was all planned in the spring when Senator Exon said he wasn't going to run and so I think what we have to think of this this morning and I'm not talking about whether or not that's good strategy, it is good strategy. The point is we are here primarily, the Legislature is here primarily to set a budget so that state government may function. If you want state government not to function, let's go out of business, but one way or another we must bring in a budget and the Appropriations Committee, I still feel, brought in a good, solid, sensible budget trying to help the people who need help and trying to keep the agencies going in a way that they can function and meet the needs and offer the services that everyone wants. Remember that pie, look at it again. Thirty-eight percent of it goes back to subdivisions. The General Funds in state aid, 39 percent of it goes back to the subdivisions. If we yank any of that, the subdivisions are in trouble. Your property taxes are going to go up. But the other thing that we must as a Legislature decide, are we going to bring the budget, are we going to set the budget or are you just going to say, well let the Governor do that? I don't think that's the way it's supposed to be. The Legislature is the driving force in