

contains it, it's going to go downhill unless you have some force beneath it that makes it percolate upward. In this instance the Governor is expanding his power. The legislators will writhe and moan and groan and complain when the Governor attacks what we do as being irresponsible and spendthrift rather than just give those kind of generalized statements, even if the media won't print what we give as a rationale, it should be in the record of our proceedings so that it's clear when we do things exactly why we did them. In this instance of this item which is the only one that would remain if my motion is adopted, I think the money definitely is justified. I don't know for the life of me why the Governor vetoed it out and this is in disregard of anything he might say in a veto message. Veto messages are political documents always and he is going to give what he calls a justification for what he does, but based on the facts, it is not a justification. There is no rational reason for this money to have been vetoed out and I think it's good that the Appropriations Committee determined to put this back into the budget. But as with other items we know that political decisions are involved. There is nothing wrong with making political decisions since that's what all of our decisions are provided the term political does not carry with it that connotation...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...of underhanded, scheming dealings which will result in something not in the best interest of those who are to be served. Politics is not dirty, political decision making is not dirty, just as no kind of decision making considered in the abstract would be dirty. It is the reasoning for it and the goal to be achieved that will give the nature to these various things.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, on our records you've spoken three times. There are no further lights so I will recognize you to close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the process by which we decide what we're going to spend is one which I think is crucial to the core of our responsibilities and our power, if you will, as the legislative body, controlling the purse strings is the thing. I believe that some votes on overrides will go one way or the other depending upon how people want to vote on matters that we have