

wanted to do that, in addition to having a record of why we feel each one of these items is justified, was to show that there are other things not included in that package which have more merit, and will do more good than some of the things in the package. Senator Hall has picked out three of the most significant exclusions or omissions and is attempting to add those to the package. What I was trying to do by comparing the relative merit of what is in the package with that which has been omitted was to show that there is as much reason, and in some cases more reason, to have some of the things in than to have some of those that are there now. If Senator Hall's package is adopted, that would take away any necessity I would have to discuss the rest of the items in the package one by one because the purpose would have been achieved. There would have been a recognition of the fact that some very important items had been omitted. If his package is not adopted, then we know that each one of these items can be offered individually, and I think they should. Some people might say they are not going to vote for Senator Hall's motion because all three items are there. I think that is a very strong reason to vote for it. In the same way that the packaging done by the Appropriations Committee was designed to achieve some grand purpose, Senator Hall's amendment, if adopted, will serve a noble purpose. What the Appropriations Committee should have done, in my opinion, but it will never be done this way, is to package overrides not on the basis of individual items which they think politically will get a package adopted, but to separate out certain areas of the state's operation and services that are performed for the public and override the items which were vetoed that cut down on the state's ability to deliver in those selected areas. We have before us now kind of a hodgepodge of things, each one of which by itself may be considered worthy, but if in order to adopt the Appropriations Committee's package other things more worthy than some of those things contained in the package will not have a chance for consideration, I think our method of legislating is not up to what it ought to be. So I support Senator Hall's motion to amend the Appropriations Committee's package and I hope that we will have enough votes to adopt it

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hall, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, if I could, I would like to ask for a call of the house.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You can, and the question placed before the