

the 73,500, in this case half of \$108,000, and the other cases that are going to be coming, whether it's 10,000, 20,000, 30,000, 500,000, or 5 million, they all add up. If we do this we will be two to three hundred thousand above the recommendation of the Appropriations Committee. If we do this a half a dozen more times we'll be in the millions. This is what breaking of the budgets are made of, is adding all these good things back into the budget. I've not spent a lot of time going over it because no one can make a case for most of the requested expenses to go against it. It's I like everything in the budget, but I hate the bottom line; I hate all taxes, but I love what they bring me, and that's the scenario we're in right now if we keep adding these back in, under whatever we do. We cannot possibly do it all. Apparently the attitude will be to put them in and let the Governor veto out, and that's fine. We try to have a responsible budget that would meet those most pressing needs, and that's where we are. Perhaps you don't agree with the priorities, and that's fine, I accept that, take no personal affront at that whatsoever, but remind that the Governor will end up balancing the budget in his own way, just as we...as we have tried to present a balanced budget. I'm firmly convinced if we left \$10 million to spend, or we have \$10 million in the hole this would go the same way. There are many other amendments coming that are going to try to not only save money, some to spend money, also some to save money. I guess you'll have to make your own decision on what we should do or not do. But simply to say that these all add up. Community colleges, once again, do have access to property tax, which the others don't, in relationship to what Senator Bernard-Stevens was bringing up. That was part of the consideration of the committee why we did not go ahead and do it, feeling that it was spread over the several community colleges, was not a terribly large amount, and that because of the situation where we needed to save as much money as we possibly could, this is one that did not get funded. So I oppose the amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members. Senator Bernard-Stevens, I guess my total recall, which isn't total, is...differs some from yours. And if I remember LB 241, there was a period before that where Senator Scott Moore and myself had initiated an interim study looking at putting...changing the