

those programs as to why that money is there, how the money got there, and how I know the money is there, but it is there. How can we go back and say, good news, kids, this is how tough we're going to make it for you. By the way, come to the Legislature and see our new laptops. Aren't they neat. Look at...I can talk to my son when he comes, look, Matt, look, David, I can push a button and the bill already comes up. Of course I can only see fifteen lines on it. And if the light is not right I can't see it at all. And I can't get a copy of it. I can't write on it so I'm going to have to have another piece of paper any way. But isn't it neat how that happens? And looky look, I can push the button and it'll take me right back through the agenda. The agenda today, the agenda yesterday, and when it comes out on the computer all ready, the agenda tomorrow. And looky look, I can now go and do the amendments. I can push a button and it'll show us the amendment. Even the fact that Senator Cudaback or Senator Matzke or somebody else may have just written a hand amendment and it's up there and it may get printed on or it may not, but either way we're all discussing an amendment we haven't seen before and we may be reading it or hearing it for the first time, it changes nothing. But looky how neat that is. And looky, looky, we don't have to have our red books any more because all the bills are there, except when you want to have something to actually read and to point to and to have a handout or to copy off or to write on a change or amendments as they come down as we write to put them in the white copy, we still have all of that stuff there. Now tell me where we're really saving money that a half a million bucks is going to really be great. It's not, members of the body, it is not. But I don't, at least, I did not want to go home this weekend and tell people, yeah, this is what we're doing on property tax, yeah, we want it to be as tough as possible. We want all of the pain to be there so when you cry out in another year or two, you'll come to the Legislature and we'll hear those cries and we will maybe come up with dollars to replace revenues. Maybe. And, oh, by the way, looky here on my desk. I have a neat little laptop. Isn't that neat. I urge you support this amendment. It is a very serious amendment as far as I'm concerned. You still get your little laptops, but we're telling the public, at least,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...we're willing to prioritize