

is going to change any of the votes. Everyone knows that. But there are a couple things that I at least want to try to get into the record for myself at least and that is I hope the members of the Legislature do some soul searching, not before this vote because this is already a given, but after this vote is taken and what's going to be to come, because this has been an easy decision in my view for most of those in the Legislature because it didn't hurt anybody in the Legislature. We don't have any dollars at stake. We didn't have to cut any programs. Fact, we went ahead and we're going to have new computers. We're doing just fine. We haven't consolidated anything in the Legislature. In fact, we didn't even cut any of our spending. In fact, we have so much discipline the other night, even with six of the nine Appropriations Committee members voting in favor, we voted to go ahead and spend more than our 3 percent reserve. If you look at our balance sheet on the green sheet after Final Reading today we'll be at 2.91. We won't even have...we didn't even have the discipline in this body to keep the 3 percent reserve. So, I mean, it's been an easy year for us, no problems. A year from now and two years from now is where it's going to get real difficult because you're going to have to...you're going to have to fess up to what you're going to do here today, because a year or two years from now you're going to have to...you'll be faced with the real reality of what you're doing to local subdivisions. And I've heard Senator Warner say on the floor time and time again that if you want to look at efficiency in government go to county government, go to the local areas of county government and some of those areas of political subdivisions. That's where you'll find real efficiencies in government and that's who were, Senator Kristensen, in his wonderful way of talking about the local areas, we have trust in them. Of course, we have trust in them. They have an efficient government. What we're doing to them is something we would never want to do to ourselves. If somebody would have put an amendment on the budget that we go to a two percent lid and a zero percent lid, we would have never passed that amendment here on the floor of the Legislature because that would have dealt with us. We would have had to make some tough decisions. So this one is easy. It's just other people. And we pretend, in my judgment, by our voices and our sincerity in our voices how concerned we are. When you look at what we're going to do on 299 and 1114, here are some of the things that you're going to have to think about and come to grips with next year. We have been fighting for the last ten years to get some