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we don't have enormous emergencies that require us to deviate a great deal from a philosophy that we would find sustaining in the long term. And there will always be needs beyond those philosophies. Needs is indeed an endless word, and you need a process to help you control, in the democratic setting, how we define and agree upon needs so that we don't, in the end, willy-nilly, decide on a greater level of needs than any of us individually would say in the aggregate is what we want to do. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. For discussion on the Coordsen amendment, Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. A number of people have spoken. I've listened carefully. And certainly I have more support for the Coordsen amendment than for the Legislative Resolution 3 for this reason. It seems to me that those of us who serve on Committee on Committees look very carefully, as we place people on the Appropriations Committee, and consider very carefully who those individuals should be, because we know that they have to do serious work. And, generally, when they come to the floor with their budget, I think that we pay very close attention to what their recommendations are. As we go through the vote...the votes that we have on individual pieces of legislation, and as we move to that time when the Appropriations Committee brings their budget forward, we, in our minds, are beginning to make...set some priorities. We know that the Appropriations Committee will be setting some priorities. What this does is say that there would be no, or at least LR 3, no money for any A bills. It seems to me that rather than going about it that way at this time, and I said this before coming into session I think we need to do appropriate budgeting. I believe that we got the message. I know what people have said, that taxpayers do care, in the end, what is going to come out of their pocket. I believe that the Appropriations Committee has heard that message. And I have confidence in the work that they will do, and bring forward their recommendations here on the floor. They have the opportunity to listen to the different agencies. They make the decisions. Why would we do a resolution that goes counter to the decisions they've already made? Their budget already exceeds LR 3, and I think for good reason. Like many of you