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have stated, I certainly have concerns. And I'm going to be looking very closely at what's in for ETV. Different individuals have different concerns. We can take those to the Appropriations Committee. But I think to pass a resolution that really is not binding at all and saying that there will be no money for any A bills, and at the same time have an Appropriations Committee budget that exceeds that, I think is a recognition that the Appropriations Committee is about the work they must do, that it does exceed the 3 percent, that it needs to, as every indication and signal, that they are being very conservative in their recommendations that they're going to bring forward to the floor. Well then why on earth would we pass a resolution that says it would be zero? And so I think the discussion here is premature. I have confidence that the Appropriations Committee will come in with appropriate budgeting and make recommendations on the floor, and at that time, as those of us have been able to prioritize, we can have that discussion on the floor to see if there are any exceptions that the body thinks we need to make, apart from the Appropriations Committee. We just don't do that easily. I think we weigh very, very carefully what their recommendations are and what they say is a good fiscal direction for the state to go as far as the budgeting and the bills that they...final bill, budget bill that they bring forward. I prefer that system. I have confidence that they can do good work, and I have confidence when it comes on the floor then that all together we can all make those final determinations.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BOHLKE: And so I would hope that, if we were going to have a discussion like this, it would be at a much later date, when we will all see what has been before the committee, and as we see, as we move through this session, what our different priorities may be. As I've said, each one of us may have different ones, but certainly the Appropriations Committee has access to information not all of us have. And I have every confidence that they can come forward with the appropriate budgeting that the people of this state believe that we need to make. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. For discussion