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LB 67A, 113A, 150, 202A, 267, 501, 578, 658  
LR 3

budget, and suggested that the Appropriations Committee go back and reduce the budget because it was substantially higher than the Governor's, and the Governor was going to veto it down, veto, keeping his priorities in and taking our priorities out. And the bracket motion failed, but the same senators, some of the same senators, about ten of them, who had voted for the bracket motion to send the committee back to remand the budget back, then voted for every proposed spending increase that came forward, additions to the budget. So the point of this whole thing is that we keep the integrity of the process. And Senator Beutler has spoken very eloquently about the need to have a process that keeps the integrity of the appropriating, the integrity of controlling spending within this body. And it is not the job of the executive branch, and it is not exclusively the job of the Appropriations Committee, it is the job of each and every person on this floor. And I've heard that every one of us has different concerns. And every one of us has different priorities. What we cannot afford to have happen is that everyone's priorities get included. And it requires us to make choices. And that's what LR 3 is about, getting some common definition, a target, a strategic goal for all of us as to where we want to go with spending so that we can control our own destiny and not cede it to another branch of government, and not assume that someone else is going to do it for us. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wehrbein, you have about three minutes left.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to withdraw my bracket motion at this time.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bracket motion is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. New A bills. (Read LB 67A and 113A by title for the first time.) Senator Hilgert has amendments to (LB) 202A. General Affairs reports (LB) 267 to General File; (LB) 658, General File; LB 501, indefinitely postponed. I have notice of hearing from the Agriculture Committee. Senator Dwite Pedersen would like to add his name to (LB) 578; Senator Redfield to (LB) 150. That's all that I have. (See pages 797-798 of the Legislative Journal.)