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mandated entitlement types of expenditures. The second things are covering mistakes that were made by the various agencies and their heads in last year's appropriations, and those we give a lot of consideration to. But, as I indicated to you earlier, I've also discovered that a deficit can mean nonemergency, new spending, essentially. And it's there that I'm hoping that the committee will, if it puts these types of things in the budget, will identify for you which items these are. Because I think these items ought to compete with any A bills that any one of you may have out here on the floor. And the trouble is once you put it into an appropriations bill, normally speaking, you've got about nine votes against you in competing for those funds. So I'm hoping that we will not put a lot of those in there and that, if we do, we'll identify them for you, because I don't think it's fair to the body as a whole to present you with a budget that allows absolutely no room for A bills without going below the 3 percent minimum reserve or without digging into the rainy day Reserve Fund to an extent that all would consider inappropriate. So, with that, that's really all I wanted to say. Not very earth-shattering, was it, but I hope interesting and informative to you. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Dierks, you're recognized to close on the confirmation report of the Agriculture Committee.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President. I would just urge your support of these confirmation reports. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Dierks. The question before you is the adoption of the confirmation report of the Agriculture Committee, found on Journal page 375. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Mr. Clerk, please record. A record vote has been requested.

CLERK: (Record vote read, Legislative Journal pages 415-416.) 36 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the confirmation report.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The confirmation report is adopted. Mr. Clerk, items for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Health and Human