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Appropriations Committee, the mainline budget bill to us, I didn't want to see it just move across the board, so I offered amendments. Two were adopted, one was defeated, and I withdrew one of them. Young Senator Mines, young in terms at least of the time he's spent in the Legislature, feels that cuts should be our area of concentration. I like to look at the record. Senator Mines offered one amendment to the mainline budget bill, then withdrew it, and his one amendment was to increase aid to municipalities by \$3 million. Anybody who took issue with what the Appropriations Committee put out here could have offered amendments in the way that I did and pushed them, because I offered mine based on my belief and the principle that I was upholding by offering the amendments. Had I believed that cutting was what we should have done, I would have tried it on General File, because my philosophy is that the heavy lifting should be done on General File. This was not quite like a wedding where the preacher or whoever is performing it says speak now or forever hold your piece. We don't say that here, but that kind of is what is flickering and floating through my mind when it comes to the appropriations bill. Speak on General File. Why refrain from speaking? I've been here a long time and I've watched 32...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...sessions where we would get toward the end and be running out of time and will have stacked up very contentious, serious pieces of legislation, then become antsy and annoyed and in a snit because we're running out of time and have a lot of work to do. I had spoken against running all those bills off General File to Select File without dealing with them, feeling it's going to be easier on Select File. Well, now you're in my territory. Chaos has not broken out yet, but it will. I can feel in the air that electricity of panic beginning to set in, and I'm going to mock and scoff when I think it's appropriate. But at this point I'm supporting Senator Jensen's amendment and, whether adopted or not, I will support LB 283. If Senator Landis, with his tricky self, attempts a reconsideration, I will oppose that. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Dwite