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from now things will be enough better that we will not have to continue this levy allowance, and hopefully, whether we can hold the line on other expenditures within our budget, I don't know. Some of you may put it up against the initiatives, child protective services. Seemed like we had another child last week that was found in Omaha. It appears to us and in our committee, I'll let the committee speak for themselves, but we certainly have had continuing problems with children suffering that should not be. And so...and we've had the discussion on the water. So we are perhaps reprioritizing. I think in a dynamic budget, quote, so to speak, that's what you have to do, and so we are doing some of that in this same process, some of them the Governor's initiatives, or I guess actually several of them, and I've heard some complaints about that, but I think it'd be hard-pressed for most of us to have that on our conscience that we aren't doing more in the area of child protective services, prosecution for these kinds of things, and the importance of water to our future. So all these are interconnected, and that's what our committee eventually came to the point that this was the way we would have to go with it, and we agreed in our committee, as I recall, unanimously that we would go to \$1.10 as a recommendation. So with that, Mr. President, I think I will listen to the debate.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. (Doctor of the day introduced.) Chair would announce that the first speaker is Senator Chambers, to be followed by Senators Cudaback, Raikes, Maxwell, Baker, Beutler, Bromm, Janssen, Engel, Tyson. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I act with alacrity when necessary, and I anticipated what was going to happen so I want to try to get one of the wheels off the rail right away. Let me ask Senator Raikes a question, if he would be willing to respond, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Raikes, if this bill does not pass,