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has been the case throughout the session, about having to make painful cuts, and then turn around and do something like this makes no sense whatsoever. I'm glad that Senator Bourne stopped talking about taking money from children. And it was Senator Wehrbein who made that progress possible, because he pointed out some of the adults who are looking at this money. It is always thus. The children will be put out there to serve as a red herring across the trail. Fortunately, Senator Wehrbein did not do that. But others are talking about how much a ribbon means to a child. That's not what it is either. If all it was, was a ribbon, you could easily find somebody who'd pay the money to buy ribbons. There is more that these people are looking at. They think, and they're hoping against hope, that if the Legislature gives this money, the Legislature will feel obliged to continue doing it from now on. And we'll always be told, well, the attendance is being cut back. When people such as myself will say, well, why is the attendance falling when you persuaded the Legislature to give you 300-and-something thousand dollars, they will say, well yeah, you gave that, but that wasn't enough. If you'd given enough money, then. Well, brothers and sisters, when the argument takes that turn, there is no end to it. We are not in flush times as far as money in the state coffers. It seems to me that a rare occurrence is before us, when the Chairperson of the Appropriations Committee, who knows as well as and probably better than anybody else how tight our money is, yet he is the one leading the charge to fritter away this money. I doubt that there is any other thing on which \$306,000 would be proposed that would get the kind of support from the Chairperson as this is getting. But despite being Chairperson of the Appropriations Committee, he is a member of the Legislature, he is a member of the human race. He is, in other words, a human being, subject to all the emotional pulls, all of the weaknesses, all of the inconsistencies of any other human being wearing shoe leather who happens not to be the Chairperson of the Appropriations Committee. All of that being true, there's something else which nevertheless remains true. The Chairperson of the Appropriations Committee has to set an example. The Chairperson of the Appropriations Committee, with this extra knowledge and information, has to show by his conduct and the way he supports things on the floor what our conclusions ought to be, based on that additional knowledge and information.