

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office  
FLOOR DEBATE

March 31, 2004      LB 1090

put my light on earlier, before I heard Senator Beutler speak. And I'm very happy to hear the things that he just said. And I hope everyone was listening, because that's what I would like to come to, and that is an agreement or a consensus from all of us who have such varying, different, differing ideas. This is really the first day we've all got to really get our brains out in the open, and we're all spilling our guts with how we think about the budget issues and where things should be and shouldn't be. And I appreciate Senator Chambers' comments also. And I am hopeful that perhaps somewhere that we will find a compromise. Because obviously, it's serious. The bills have to be paid. And I appreciate the opportunity to sit and listen. I still am in the learning process, and ask the public to still keep communicating with us, because we want to hear where you are, too, on it. I would like to also comment in answer to Senator Wehrbein's comment about a specific bill. I would be glad to do that. And hopefully, perhaps with some help of some others, you know, we've had specific bills, like, to close LCC. Well, and even Senator Synowiecki's proposition the other day, to close a unit. And again, that's an attempt to cut the budget for an agency that we're just not willing to do. So at some point, without micromanaging, there must be an answer. I still have a problem believing that every agency all...out of all 66 entries on there, could remain totally...need to remain totally unscathed. So hopefully we can take a little bit closer look at that next year. But for this year, I'm glad to hear that there is some flexibility, that some of the leadership is willing to amend what they're doing. I think that's great. And I appreciate it. I won't belabor it. I will give my time to Senator Beutler, if he is interested in having any more time. Senator Beutler. He waives. Thank you.

**SPEAKER BROMM:** Thank you, Senator Combs. Senator Redfield.

**SENATOR REDFIELD:** Thank you, Mr. President. I too had my light on quite some time ago, because I wanted to address something I said yesterday, that I actually was in error. I was looking at the income tax filings across the state, and had said that we had lost 2,100 filers over a one-year period. And in fact it was 2,640 filers that we lost. So it was a larger number. But at the over-\$500,000 income rate, we lost 15 percent of them,