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reconsideration fails, I'm going to offer a motion to send this bill back to the Appropriations Committee...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...so that this matter can be discussed and voted on by the committee. And Senator Engel can tell Senator Erdman to call the question on that, too. And after the question is called, if it is and if the vote is unsuccessful, I'm simply going to move to reconsider, and I'm also going to move to bracket the bill, and at some point I'm going to demand that the issue, the question, be divided, and we're going to take some time on this budget. And remember this, brothers and sisters, friends, enemies, and neutrals.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Time, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I play within the rules. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Foley.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. I got a chuckle 30 minutes or so ago when Senator Ray Janssen asked me if I served on the Appropriations Committee. And it's interesting, because my first two years here I did serve on the Appropriations Committee, and it's just...it's remarkable how your first committee assignments when you get here kind of stick with you. To this day, lobbyists call me out, thinking that I'm on the Appropriations. These are paid lobbyists. They call me out and say, now, I know you're on the Appropriations Committee; can you help us out with this, this? I said, excuse me, I've been off that committee for four years. Oh, really? I didn't know that. Sorry. See you later. Anyway, it just is interesting how that your first assignment tends to stick with you. You know as well as I do, my colleagues, we've got fat bills, we've got skinny bills. The budget bill is a fat bill. And why is that? It's not because of the number of line items of appropriation. It's because of intent language that's inserted into the budget by the committee and on the floor. It happens every single year--more intent language, and the budget