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SENATOR CHAMBERS: And how much did he veto out, it was over \$22 million?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: A little over...yes, \$21 million.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that \$22 million or whatever it was represented the policy decisions made by the Legislature after full debate?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, I want to start this like I should. I want to thank God, so he won't strike me. I want to thank Jesus, so he won't feel jealous. And I want to thank the Holy Ghost, whatever the Holy Ghost is and whatever it does. I want to thank the Governor. I want to thank Senator Don Pederson, Senator Lowen Kruse, Senator Chris Beutler, Senator James Cudaback, Senator...I don't remember Senator Engel's first name, but Senator Pat Engel, Senator "Don" Heidemann, Senator Marian Price, Senator Synowiecki, a.k.a., "Snooky" (laughter), Senator Nancy Thompson, Clerk Pat Martin, M-a-r-t-i-n, for giving the Legislature this wonderful opportunity to show appreciation and subservience to a Governor who got \$22 million going his way and gave a paltry \$200,000. And the Legislature takes it and runs and so much thankfulness has been expressed that if the Governor had a second shot, he ought to take that budget bill back and strike out \$100 million. And then you would really fall over yourselves thanking him. What is the Legislature if not the third branch of government and you all appreciate the Governor spitting on you? He spat on you! He said, oh, but by the way, I see all that spit running down your face so I'm going to give you this little corner of toilet paper here and you can dab what spit off your face that you can. And that's what I think of you. Now tuck tail and run, scamper. Look at you! I've seen Senator Foley stand on this floor and fulminate and he takes low. I've seen others do it. And the Legislature as an institution is being insulted. What you all are saying by rolling over and accepting this is that the Governor knows better what the policy of the state should be...