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Governor some flexibility. Now I know that Senator DeCamp is somewhat right. There are people that probably voted for 341A for other reasons. It is not my intention on 341A to break our tax rates. It is not my intention to embarrass the Governor and I have indicated to the press and I have indicated to the Governor that if he chooses to veto any or all of 341A, so be it. I'm certainly not going to attempt to override any veto and wouldn't attempt to. I had originally even considered not even reading 341A but remember, remember we put the funds in 341A in three different segments, ten, ten and five. After this body, and I suggest that for next year, and I want to visit with Senator Hoagland about it as chairman of the Rules Committee, I think that after this year the experience that we've had with the way we set our tax rates that we do need to be more responsible. We do need to have a more orderly fashion of setting our tax rates and we didn't do that this year but this is the first year we've dealt with that issue. But under the bill as it is right now, after all the bills that we passed today and Monday get to the Governor's office, then I think the Governor will be able to determine, and I suggest he is probably going to use the veto on some of the other A bills as well, exactly what is available, exactly how much is available under the budget and if there is any in there, if there happens to be enough for the \$5 million, that is a part of 341A, then I think he should have that opportunity and that alternative to line item it down and leave \$5 million in or \$10 million or whatever the case might be. If, on the other hand, there isn't any, then I think he should have the alternative as well to veto all of it. I hope my position is clear. It is simply to give the Governor some alternatives and it is not taking away our responsibility which I think we fail to meet, and that is my own personal opinion, on the tax rate setting mechanism but as I indicated, I think it is because we hadn't done it before and we really didn't have a good handle as to how we should proceed. I think we can address that situation with some rule changes for next year but I would urge you to not reconsider the action on 341A and to leave it stand as it has been passed earlier this morning.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kahle.

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