

I'd give the rest of my time to Senator Maurstad.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: If Senator Wehrbein would yield to a question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Senator Wehrbein, I just wanted to make sure I didn't overhear something when you went through your explanation, did you, in fact, indicate that the Appropriations Committee during their deliberations went through a series of votes, and, in fact, maybe didn't fund some things?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Didn't fund this?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Or didn't fund this? You thought, from your recollection, maybe there was a conscious decision made to not fund this, and which would lead me to wonder whether or not there weren't, in fact, a number of other items that maybe weren't funded by the Appropriations Committee during the time period that we were doing the budget. Would that be an accurate assessment?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: If I understand what you are saying, yes...

SENATOR MAURSTAD: We didn't fund everything that came before us, did we?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Not quite. No, we didn't.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: In fact, some reductions were made in the budget during the process, weren't there?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Oh, definitely, yes.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Yeah, okay, I just wanted to make sure that I didn't misunderstand what you I think probably stated very clearly, but there seems to have been some conversation over the course of the last ten days that everything was funded by the Appropriations Committee, and the budget that we have before us includes all possible spending alternatives that could come