

up there 581 and 582. If we and we can hold this up or we can go for hours and I still think that we should still proceed with 256 as it was amended and then the Governor will veto the bill and then it is up to each individual Legislator to figure out what you are going to do with those item vetos because I predict that you are going to be back here voting on each of these items that Senator Proud is talking about this morning. I will continue to fight amendments, I think that they are wrong and the only way I know is to get up and explain them as it has been pointed out there have been times when I appear to make mistakes and I assume that everybody else on this floor does the same thing, but I intend to fight for what I think the committee has stood for to continue to make recommendations and unless this legislature desires otherwise to use the staff that we have to continue to bring in recommendations next session. I have one more thing to say and I know that there are some who do not agree

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with us. I think that we have to continue to fight for some kind of reasonable approach to appropriations whether we are talking about operations or whether we are talking about capital construction. I will continue to fight the best I can to try and set up some kind of a reasonable priority system. It is a long ways down to the floor from six foot six up here to down to the dirt of the bottom, but I have been down there several times and I have been back up and I propose that after this week is over to pick myself up off the floor and continue as best I can. I do think that we are not going to be as effective as a legislative body until we have some reasonable consistency as far as the appropriations are concerned.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Cl Carstens.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I think that we have to settle down and face this issue this morning on purely a directional basis. I think that we need to have a little renewal of what we have done during the last few weeks. It all started when we did adopt the budget of the Governor not withstanding any recommendations from our very capable, in my opinion, budget committee. We adopted a philosophy of being economy minded. Now I didn't support that move in the beginning and it was not that I was against the Governor or his staff but in my own opinion there were areas in that budget that were not adequate and that our appropriations committee were looking at that budget realistically had given it a thorough evaluation and were going to make suitable recommendations to this body. This was washed out. Even though I didn't support that philosophy I excepted that the majority of the body did and that we should proceed the rest of the legislative session on that basis. Then the other morning the philosophy of this legislature changed abruptly. I myself voted against that change even though I whole heartedly supported the move that was afoot. For the very reason that I thought that we were violating our own will and as you know what happened thereafter. As a result we have all of these amendments. I was tempted to even insert one to resurface my driveway so that I could get rid of my chuckholes, and I'm not too sure what I might have been successful. But we got carried away. I'm not