

lapsed from the budget, from the Legislative Council budget, which adds to the available receipts for next year. So whatever you take, whatever we decide to spend here, even though it's a reappropriation, nevertheless takes away from available funds for next year. Whether or not there should be some money left or a portion of it at least left was one of the last decisions that were made. At the time it was done I think we had about \$400,000 at least that we were trying to retain for renovation of some of the legislative space, but as it came out why there was other things that a majority of the committee felt probably had a higher priority particularly this year. One of the things that came to our minds, I think, was whether or not you could justify an expenditure at this time with tight receipts and tight appropriations to renovate a room that essentially is used three or four months a year, although certainly no one quarrels with the fact that it should be commensurate with the dignity of the body and those things are important. But we came down to decide of perhaps not this year, that those improvements should be made. As was pointed out there was about \$1,100,000 last year over and above what was used or needed for the operation of the Legislature. A little under \$300,000 of that is for the new voting board which is a one-time expenditure which is covered in the budget. We did reappropriate \$120,000, but the \$715,000 was left to remain as available for next year's appropriations. If you'll look at the back of the green sheet it becomes very evident that there is not adequate revenue projected at this point to cover a number of things that the Legislature is concerned about, plus I've had some indication, although we won't see final figures for a few days, but some indication that some of the current receipts are a little lower than what was anticipated although perhaps the next three, four days that will balance out. But if I was to guess, I would guess that we're going to be tighter on revenue and appropriations rather than the other way around and at some point whatever we choose to spend here will, with a little question, have to be eliminated somewhere else.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hannibal, do you wish to speak on this amendment?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. President and members, I rise to oppose the amendment. I serve on the Appropriations Committee and I'd like to point out a couple of things that you should keep in mind when you're going to be voting on