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more monies from private donations that are going to be available. There were commitments for the Regional Center up to...into the millions of dollars. There is \$800,000 that they can put their hands on now. They are willing to contribute \$100,000 of that, the livestock people, the people in the livestock industry are willing to contribute \$100,000 of that to cut the appropriations needed this year in half. We need 204A.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. Clerk, I understand we have a motion on the desk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vickers would move to indefinitely postpone the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, as I indicated to you earlier I was not willing to start expending the funds. Well let me equate this to a little bit, maybe something that people can relate to a little more. Senator Miller told a wonderful story about priming a pump and of course what he was referring to is that it takes money to make money especially if you're trying to milk money from the federal government, especially if you're trying to milk matching funds, especially if you believe that that's manna from heaven, especially if you believe that the federal government really doesn't need to worry about balancing their budget. You know I spent last summer in a futile exercise talking about perhaps going back there and being a decision-maker at that level and part of what I said was that we really need to get a handle on how we spend our federal dollars. We need to start saying no more often. We need to even say no to ourselves once in a while. You know the most difficult thing for a policy-maker to do, and I think we all know that, is to say no to your own constituents for the expenditures of funds, is to say no to those people that elect you. You know it is a lot more popular and it's a lot easier to put those dollars in those palms that are stretched before you hand up than it is to raise the taxes and unfortunately at the federal level, if we were policy-makers there in the Congress, we could cross those palms with dollars, but we don't have to raise the taxes to do it. At this level we've got to raise the taxes to do it. At this level when we put dollars in those palms of our constituents who are always there asking for more