

issues. I don't look at this as a way of saying there is something wrong with the way the Appropriations Committee has handled the issues at all. I would point out that the Appropriations Committee, early on in this session, as I understood it, said to the various state agencies, said to the various people that came before them, we want you to come in with a 95 percent base and then we'll figure out the priorities above that. It seems to me that all we are really saying is that we thought that was a good idea, but we thought it would be even better if you'd say 93 percent, so we are saying 2 percent under that. I don't think that is that major of a change. It seems to me that other priorities that the committee put in place would still be there. The other thing I would like to comment on is that Senator Lamb indicated that suddenly there are some, I think he used the word pseudo conservatives. I wish I could remember the exact words. But Senator George Norris, one time, was asked the question of the definition of a liberal. He ran as a liberal. And his definition went along this line, has nothing to do with spending money, has to do with your approach to issues and whether or not you are not adverse to looking at new ways of doing things. Simply because you've done something for a certain way for X number of years, 20 years or whatever, does not necessarily mean that you should continue to do it that way. If you are not afraid to look at new ideas, not afraid to make changes, then to him that was being a liberal. But it had nothing to do with the expenditure of funds. I think we all, at times, get in those particular times when we really don't want to do any cuts in those expenditure of funds that we benefit from, whether it be liberal or conservative. I would remind this body that Senator Lamb was one of those people that opposed a cut in the budget the other day. Yes, a conservative member of this body, one of the most conservative according to his estimate, opposed cutting the funds for the program for veterinary medicine, even though we have never done anything, even though we've never got a thing to show for it. So I don't think there is that much wrong with, at this point of the session, saying, you know, we really can't get into that budget and do it in the fashion it probably should be done. Senator Remmers is right. The best way to do it is probably to go into those specific issues.

PRESIDENT: One minute.