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choices which essentially come down to cutting things that we all care about. I don't necessarily agree with all of the provisions of all these bills. I will, in fact, fight vigorously on a couple of them, perhaps more than that. Nevertheless, one of the things I think it is really important to understand is the process that we went through as a committee to arrive at this package. You will recall that we set down a list of objectives or items, measurable kinds of criteria, hopefully, that would help us identify those programs that we could cut and be the most consistent and the most rational. Also our recommendations were based on what the various agencies brought into us and said, if we must cut, maybe these things aren't unimportant, but on our list of priorities, these things would be at the bottom of the list. So I think this would be an opportunity for you to look at this thing as a package to get some sense of where we are overall to review these within your committee structure, hold the hearings. Some of you have mentioned to me, well, you know, I think I might be able to make some cuts differently on these agencies than you did, and my response to that is go for it. If you know more about that and if that is an area of expertise, and you wish to question those priorities, well, now is the time to do it. But I don't know that you can do this as rationally and as completely and to understand all the complexities of the entire package without looking at it as a package. I think otherwise there is a danger of bills being introduced separately and people will forget that they were a part of a package designed around a set of criteria that we hoped would be as rational as you possibly can be in a very short period of time in a very difficult situation. So I would hope that you would agree with us, support this motion, look at the whole package, question, certainly question those, ask the questions that you wish to ask of the agencies, ask the questions that you wish to ask of us about how we arrived at that, I think you will emerge better informed about the entire budgeting process and better informed about the kinds of priorities that the agencies set and the kinds of decisions that brought us to the point we are here today.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: So I would urge you to suspend those rules today. The package will be introduced and I believe all the bills are drafted and would be introduced today, Marge, so that is the rational. I hope that helps. I urge