

This bill is the vehicle by which that funding can be restored and I think it must be restored. I don't know which day in the session this is. I am going to look at my green sheet and see so I won't be incorrect. Today is the 51st day. That means that I have got to find something to do for nine days to keep the Legislature regaled and entertained and perhaps even irritated. And some people will say, no senator should do that simply because he can't have his way, but that senator will look at the others and say, they should not do what they are doing just so that they can have their way. So what we are going to wind up with apparently is a battle of wills. Today, this evening, April 1st, 4:41 p.m., the ones who want to keep the budget as it is have the upper hand because a lot of people are gone who would be in favor of funding some programs that will be beneficial to people who really need those benefits. But they won't always have the upper hand and people's nerves are going to get frayed. Bodies are going to get tired. Attention spans are going to shorten. Memories will lapse. But we still must stay here and fight this battle through to the end. I feel, or I felt before I came here today that the greatest mismatch in military history occurred in the Gulf of Sidra when America spent \$60 billion to amass the strongest armada in the world against a tiny country of 3 million people to show that it is not afraid with its 24,000 personnel to take on a navy of 6,500. When you have to bring forces that great against a foe so outmanned and outgunned, you are showing what amounts to a pathological dread of that foe rather than the great force and power that you would like to show to the world that you have. So, in a sense, I represent that small entity which is outgunned and outpersoned here this afternoon. The Legislature is the armada. The issue that day was whether or not the Gulf of Sidra belongs to Libya or whether it's international waters which any country can ply with its ships at will. I say that Khadafy and Libya won because there are not many countries, even the United States, which can afford to spend \$60 billion every time it wants to go into the Gulf of Sidra. Three aircraft carriers, a total of 45 war ships, 240 airplanes to make war and 24,770 individuals and \$60 billion spent by a nation which is wracked with all kinds of misery. How many homeless could have had a roof placed over their head? How many naked could have been clothed? How many hungry could have been fed? How many people worried about being taken off Medicare could have some assurance of medical attention that they need in their old age when they are sick and helpless? Those questions were not addressed by the people at the national level. Similar questions of the same variety, but on a smaller scale...