

permission to withdraw all other amendments I have on this or any other bill.

PRESIDENT: Do I understand your motion is withdrawn then?

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT: Very well. What is on the bill now, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have is by Senator Hannibal. Senator Hannibal would move to return the bill for specific amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hannibal. For your information, there are a large number of would be speakers whenever they get the opportunity. Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I, like Senator DeCamp, have no interest in delaying the reading and the vote today on this bill, but as you all know, it is the only way we can speak sometimes before the vote is taken. So I am going to take the opportunity to do this. I also have handed out some information to you and I would hope that you would take a look at the two handouts that I did send on your desks. The one that I'd have you look at first would be the sequence of General Fund appropriations at the top. In that handout there are several pages there. I don't mean for you to have to look and digest all of that, but what it basically does, on the front page, it gives you a scenario of what has happened since last October, about a year ago today, starting with the original agency request that came to this Legislature for budget purposes for fiscal '85-86. You can see that it started off with \$955 million worth of requests, \$955 million worth of requests. Obviously when you are putting requests in you ask for the moon. But that is what we started with. But remember, if you look down that scenario, that is exactly what has happened since last October and we came in with an original budget, before session with the Governor, of \$833 million. The Governor's final revision, before session started, and his formal presentation started off with an \$864 million budget request. Then this body and the Appropriations Committee and ultimately the Legislature worked its way down, because of the financial woes that we have had and have foreseen, from \$864 million to \$811 million today, \$11 from \$64. Now,