

Appropriations Committee, gut that bill and put...and reinstate the contents of another bill that provides a statutory change to make the necessary or the, not the necessary, the desired statutory change to implement the budget reduction and I guess none of those things work very well. I think with LB 1272 it was a bill, it was, had been introduced early in the session, had been heard in advance in the Education Committee, sitting on General File and Senator Robinson is correct, it was not a priority bill and...but it is part of our package and as I mentioned before, the entire package is the way it appears on the green sheet and that is to...and the multitude of those actions together would make the budget balance and for that reason that is why 1272 was included in there, so yes, Senator Ashford is on the committee. Even if it had been some other...there is no other bills out on the floor that advanced in committee that reduced the budget unfortunately and so I mean it...I guess the insinuations that Senator Ashford, 't special treatment, I mean, Senator Ashford is a member of the committee but it's the only bill out there that actually reduces the budget and while we did introduce other bills to reduce the budget, they were killed. I, myself, introduced other bills and Health and Human Services killed. This is the only bill out there that actually reduces the budget and I guess I would like once again to ask some more guidance from the Legislature or when I've talked to the Rules Committee I don't know what the procedure should be. I do not know what the procedure should be because if the Appropriations Committee can only make spending decisions based on the statute as it is, all we can do is add money, there are very few things we can reduce the budget unless there is some procedure that would allow us to get those statutory changes before the body like we have in LB 1272. I don't think that's out of line. We've done that a number of times in the past. Go back in the mid-eighties when there was a budget reduction period in the Legislature. There were several times where other bills in other committees that were sitting on General File without priority status that had an impact on the budget were brought into the entire package of the committee and I think there is certainly precedent to do that. It has been done before. There is a variety of ways to do it. I am certainly comfortable with the way we've done it with LB 1272. That was part of the package that I submitted to the Speaker to make things balance. That is part of the package, it appears on the green sheet to make things balance. I mean, if you...I think we should have a discussion on 1272 whether or not it's good policy, that's perfectly fair to have, but as far as