

that budget that we passed, it will have monies available for A bills. And then all the bills that have A bills on them, that are on Final Reading, each of us are going to have to put our priorities of the limited money that will be there to spend, where do we choose to spend it? There may be 3 or \$4 million for A bills, but there may be bills that cover \$18 million of total spending on Final Reading. We'll make our priorities of which ones we want to pass with that limited monies available.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Thank you, Senator. We've had a lot of rhetoric about federal spending. There's not anyone in this Chamber, in fact, I don't think there's anyone in Washington that really knows what's going to happen to federal funds, Medicaid funds. I...I listen to C-SPAN. We've got a group of democratic senators that have a lot of problems with the President's stimulus package. And I presume this would be in the stimulus package, it's spending. So...it's like I said the other day, our problem is we don't want to take a teaspoon of the medicine. We're like...we're like Washington, we want to spend, but we don't want to cut anything, and this is a good opportunity. Even if...if the bill moves on, we'll have a chance to vote on it later in the spring. But in the meantime...I don't know whether it's going to pass or not, but in the meantime, check with your people, check with your school people. Check with the...find out who a couple of the people are that...that have disabled children. Go in and ask your special ed director, could you take care of this with less money? That's what I'm hearing. I hear the schools...the schools can't do it, they don't do their work now. That's a bunch of baloney. I've heard it a couple times this morning. Have they ever had the opportunity to do it? I say, no, they have not.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I think there's a midway in there we could save some money, we wouldn't have to...we wouldn't have to spend this kind of money. And if we really, truly believe in it, we could pass General Fund money for it. But I'm sure there's not that much courage on the floor to do that. Anyway, I would encourage you to vote no on LB 520. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Robinson, your light is on next, did you wish to speak?