

there are at least 23 other people, 22 other people to vote with Senator Byars, myself and Senator Wesely for this proposition. Then as other matters come before us, we will take them one at a time, as we should.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: To vote against the recommendation offered to us by the Appropriations Committee is not more an insult delivered to them than is an amendment offered to any bill that any one of us brings out here. It's a part of the process. It may be difficult. It may get on our nerves, but that is why we're here. And I can't think of a better thing for us to do at this point than to support this amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hillman, you're next.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Mr. Speaker, members, just a couple of things. Probably, Senator Chambers, and you and I could talk about this probably all day. In looking at the role of the Appropriations Committee and the...where they sit during this process and who they come in contact with, I guess I didn't see a pedestal or pinnacle in the Appropriations Committee room, where we were placed so high above that we didn't see what would happen. We sat right across the table from many, many people who are in need, and it wasn't just in the Appropriations Committee room, it was back in our own districts and the people that we represent and the people that have great needs. I think one of the things that we have to wrestle with is there are so very many needs, and what is the role of government in trying to meet those. And you and I, Senator Chambers, are not gods and goddesses, and neither is state government. It needs to be inclusive, but I don't know that it can be all inclusive, if government can meet all needs of every individual out there. And the other thing I think we need to look at and to deal with is we are dealing with people, and we are dealing with services and many, many hurting people, all kinds of people in need. But along with trying to address those needs, it takes things like personnel, it takes equipment, it takes paper, it takes electricity. And so when we're looking at meeting people's needs, we're looking at a lot of things that directly don't have anything to do with people, but indirectly do meet those people's needs. So when it comes to funding, and we look at meeting a need, it requires more than just caring and just