

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker and members, I will be very brief. I really jumped in in case Scott was getting piled on. It's been fairly mild so far, Senator Moore, so I won't be saying much except to...because most of what I would have to say would be really reiterating what has been said. But I do think the one thing we have to keep in mind is that we can't keep plundering state agencies and state government into the future to balance the budget as our trend is continuing to look like it will be. I just need...think we need to be aware of the rapid expanding growth on one side of the budget and the rather impressive growth that we're having in revenue, still it's not enough to meet the expenditures that we are continuing to go on our way particularly entitlement programs. I just wanted to make that point one more time. And, with that, I would not pursue the subject any more.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Is there anyone further wishing to speak to LB 330? Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would have a couple questions for Senator Moore or any member of the Appropriations Committee. Senator Moore, would you yield?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Moore, would you respond.

SENATOR BROMM: We've heard a lot about the growth in state government. I think Senator Robinson summarized it pretty well. In terms of the raw data, it looks like government is growing, growing, growing. And, Senator Moore, I would like to ask, is there any coordinated effort that you're aware of to take a hard look at our...at our agencies and departments from top to bottom in terms of duplication, in terms of overlap, in terms of things that could be reduced? Is there any coordinated effort under way to do that?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, I guess the pure answer to your question would be no. But if you allow me, I'm going to elaborate on that.

SENATOR BROMM: I would appreciate that.