

stand here and tell you where I thought maybe some of the reductions could perhaps be to make up this money that I could make a lot of other people mad because they think you're trying to take money out of their pot. But the truth of the matter is we're faced with something we can't do anything about. And as I see it it's an issue that I just think has to be dealt with. There are going to be some other bills that are going to come forth that I'm going to support that it's going to be hopefully some help for some of the rural people that I represent. But in this particular case I'm representing a class of people who just don't have anybody else to represent them. So, even with the attitude that I've always maintained, I'm going to support what Senator Byars is trying to do and hope that he'll get enough votes to put the money in the budget and work it out from there. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Madam President, members of this body, I stand in opposition to Moore's amendment and I support Byars amendment for several reasons, and I think that one of them is that...where is our priorities here? And I think it's for these people that can't help themselves, and there's a lot of them out there that's getting a good wage that can help themselves. I know how important it is to have a balanced budget, and I'd sure pull for that, but I didn't vote for 991. And I said that I think we could have cut some more off of there. And I hate to point fingers at persons, but I think I will point fingers at a couple of places. I think that 903 is coming up tomorrow, and I think the judges, I would sure point fingers there, and maybe the teachers. But I think that we really need to get our priorities in line here and put these people ahead, because there is desperate problems, and I understand there's a court case being filed now, and it might generate into the state being involved in it, and it will cost us a lot more money than ever. And I still think that we've got to get our priorities in lines here and support this and cut the budget someplace else to make it balance, because these people cannot help themselves, and I think that's what we're down here for as senators, to help people that can't help themselves. And I think we need to get them in line. So, thank you again.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I