

think what we're really discussing tonight and probably for the next five days, whatever we got left, and I think Senator Moore suggested it, what you really ought to be discussing is whether or not you would plan, intend to support any overrides, because the more we pass, the more overrides you cannot do. And it's going to be really simple. I'm going to be inclined to vote for Senator Moore's amendment, but I'll be real open why I'm doing it. There isn't any doubt in my mind that we're going to be looking at rate increases, and broadened tax bases, or higher fees, and excise taxes next session and we're going to be limited. But I'd rather vote no on a few things, I guess, even knowing when that comes because I will have to be in the position of advocating and supporting some of those things. And I will do it. But you got some real problems on the budget side. You continue to look at those programs that are growing significantly faster than your normal rater of growth, and we've got three or four of them, and you continue to fund those, you've going to continue to do problems. You have one of two choices--you increase your tax rates in some form, or you start to dry up the other operations of government, all of which are important too. But the end result you're going to do is increase in rates or some form of taxes. We're still going to have the issue of property tax relief when we come back next time, that's not going to go away. And I don't know where you all want to go, but I do not know of a single program in government that I would call waste. They're all beneficial. Perhaps, sure, some of them are more beneficial than others. I won't disagree with that either, but at some point you pay the piper and next session I think we are. There will be a lot of people running for office this next few months, and they're going to balance the budget by making cuts, and they're going to eliminate waste, fraud and abuse. We did that several years ago, put an amendment on in Appropriations Committee for \$100 million to reform waste, fraud and abuse, and we took it out, and so that's eliminated. You're down to cutting programs at a time when a whole lot of people are also talking about expansion. And I can live with it, but be realistic with what you're doing because the options are exactly what Senator Moore pointed out next time, they're really limited. That's how it is. Be prepared to support that. But again I want to end with what I started, what we really are going to be discussing these next few days is whether or not you're going to do any over...anybody can understand you're not going to be able to do any overrides. That's just, in my opinion, that simple. Or if you do not add money then perhaps you will have a budget that