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PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...bill, and I hope there are people in here that won't. Tighten up, folks. Come on, help us out. If not, the gentleman up in that corner is going to get that big red pen and he's really going to give it to us, and then we'll have a tougher time overriding it. I told Senator Hall and I told Senator Byars I'll support it, and I will, but I probably won't support anything else. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thanks, Senator. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I call the question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Do I see five hands? I see 49 hands. (Laughter.) The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Debate ceases. Senator Moore, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, thank you very much, Madam President. You probably saw 49 hands because people, and myself included, don't like to talk about this amendment, because you know obviously I'm not going to sit here and tell you the people in the state that suffer from developmental disabilities don't need care. And I'm not going to sit here and tell you that this type of thing ought not be a priority. I'm not going to try to make that argument. I can't win. I'm not going to try to, and I don't want to. The only thing I am going to try and tell you is that somewhere on a consistent basis over a period of days we have to set some priorities, because obviously when I introduced the amendment to cut back the teachers salaries, no, that was a priority. When I introduced the amendment to cut out many things in the appropriations budget that I'd voted for, no, they were priorities. And the situation is very simple. I mean you're spending more than you have and you don't need me to tell you that, but I guess I have to keep telling you that. I think this is one of those things that 991 has already passed and gone to the Governor. And as Senator Warner said, if we keep doing all the things, even if the crime bill is off the table, I don't know that it is, best case scenario, \$110 million problem, using our assumptions. But one of the concerns that I have is