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SENATOR CROSBY: Time. Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President, members, I rise to oppose the veto motion. You may have read in the paper that the committee voted seven-oh to two not voting to take a stance to sustain all the vetoes this afternoon. I rise here to hopefully keep this train in the station and never let it get on the track so we have to stop it later today, because fortunately or unfortunately, depending on where you are, and depending, I guess, on where you are on the track, and obviously if you're a potential recipient for this money you're at the wrong...you may be at the wrong end of the track. But unfortunately from my perspective, because I have...I'm not going to give the argument whether or not these people deserve money, because that's not the issue for me. The issue for me is where are we as a body and what have we done. And the fact is, over the last month we have painted ourself in this corner where we have no choice. And it was something we did with our eyes wide open as we voted for several things. Now I have passed out the financial status as it now sits. You can see as the bottom page there, probably the second line from the bottom is the key thing. When the Governor introduced his state budget to us in January he recommended a spending level that left us in the situation where we're certainly above our minimum reserve this year, but in the out year, using the assumptions of the legislative Fiscal Office that we've historically used, in spending about 1.9 billion, I mean 1.9...well, that's in the out years, but 87...we knew we were going to be in an \$87 million deficit situation three years from now. That's the spending level that I have been of the opinion that the administration is going to balance its budget to, we know that. If you look up the sheet there, as it came out of committee we were at a \$56 million situation in the out year, after overrides we're at 54. But you pass all the bills we have passed right now, we're at \$98.4 million deficit situation in those out years. Those are assumptions on salaries, on Medicaid, on revenue growth that are all open for discussion. Nevertheless, you're leaving yourself out there. But regardless of that we're working on the assumption, because I know the administration has made an argument that that number is zero. Either way the administration's spending level is at \$87 million, you compare apples to apples. And what they are going to do, in my opinion, because we have not made the