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to just this one project which is the big most expensive over 50 percent of the cuts, we probably ought to do the whole thing. But if we do it, I think we have to make a commitment, a commitment that we all know that we are making but we may not admit to ourselves. That commitment is to abandon the attempt to hold the 19 percent tax rates. To instead recognize that we are not going to be able to cut the income tax as well as the sales tax and that we are going to have to limit our tax cuts only to the sales tax, which are not insignificant, but I think that is the essence of the issue. We have to be willing to admit to ourselves that the present income tax rates ought to stay where they are at. I think that is the issue that we are approaching at this moment. If you vote to override and maybe you will and maybe you should. Maybe Senator Warner's arguments are good ones. But if you do that I don't think we ought to stop there, we ought to get the other couple of areas and we ought to commit ourselves to holding the tax rates as they are today, except for the sales tax which will come down 1/2 percent. I think that is the issue. I would urge us to think about that issue. If you vote to override, then recognize that we have a further commitment to balance, to balance the first year of the Legislature setting the tax rates, to balance income with outgo. It is easier doing outgo, but remember, we still have to do income.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler, did you wish to speak on the motion?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, I don't wish to speak specifically on the motion, only to ask people to keep in mind, and I suppose everybody is, but I think it needs to be said again perhaps that there are a lot of A bills sitting there. Some of those A bills I think are good new programs. I think some of them are better than some of the existing things that we have going on. Some of them are more important to do now than some of the existing things or some of the other things we would like to do. I have not talked to the Governor but I know from a number of different indications that he is very firm on an 818 budget. I think you ought to consider how many more millions you have to go before you get there. You know we have added nine million

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