

members have to support it as if a religious pact. I would suggest that no other committee works that way. I know that you maintain some discipline, but I think that it is a very irresponsible method by which to legislate. As I pointed out earlier when you start out with nine votes against you it leaves only a very small percentage of the body who could possibly disagree with you, or you can't be successful. I think that we need to effect some economies, I wish that Senator Beutler had reduced my amendment by \$200,000 rather than to have reduced the budget committee proposal by \$200,000. But this is some saving. It is a saving which we can well afford. I would suggest that you will not see any decrease in the quality of the Educational TV programming as a result. If by some small chance we find that they must limit their activity, I will trust the private media to give us whatever coverage we deserve. I think that perhaps, and I have not always been uncritical of that group, but I think they will give us the coverage that we need and deserve. I do not think that we need to buy our own coverage, so to speak, through the educational media of TV. I know that they perform many valuable services other than the coverage of this Legislature, which may be cause for some doubt, but I would just suggest to you that they can well do without this \$200,000. I think that they could have done without the greater amount. I ask you to support Senator Beutler's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I rise to oppose Senator Beutler's amendment. I will make it very clear that my purpose in arising is not to defend the integrity of the Appropriations Committee, I know of no rule that this body has to adopt what the Appropriations Committee recommends. I'll go further, that if the only argument to place an amendment on the bill is that somehow or other you are effecting the Appropriations Committee membership, why be assured that it does not effect me and I am sure that it does not effect anybody else. Those of us on the committee fully understand that what we do is make a recommendation to the body. It is up to us to defend that recommendation or explain it, and then it is the judgment of 25 members whether that purpose that we recommend is worthwhile and appropriate. I would hope that most of the rest of the amendments that we have presented can be on the basis of not.....whether or not the Appropriations Committee is infallible but rather on the basis of why that recommendation should be changed. Now the reason that I would oppose Senator Beutler's amendment, I presume that it is directed