

a broad stroke across the field and everybody gets 5% cut. You can not do it that way because you have figured out how much to appropriate based upon how much this particular welfare program for example will cost. How much this particular health inspection will cost. How much this particular any program you want to talk about. That is the way you budget for things. You don't then say, okay now it is okay to cut...to arbitrarily cut everybody 5%. Senator DeCamp, for example, says that you are treating everybody equal. You are not. He says that you are treating everybody uniformly. You are not. So, consequently this is a very bad amendment to adopt unless you can do this, but you have got to do it on individual entries all the way through the budget and then adopt that kind of a motion and that kind of a approach to the idea as opposed to a broad brush approach that Senator DeCamp is offering us. I would urge you not to vote for this amendment, reject it.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator DeCamp has asked the legislature to be diligent in the setting of the budget. I'm delighted that he feels that way because that lines him up with the nine members who have been diligent in preparing this budget. In attempting to find ways in the computers and through the departments to arrive at what may be the amount of money available, collecting it on a calendar basis in 1981 for a budget that goes 1980-1981, is very difficult at best and we get varying reports of what the economic condition may be in 1981. Senator DeCamp is suggesting that possibly we will be at the lower spectrum of what has been suggested by the university and the department of what may be the income available to support state government. I have no objection to his taking that position. But the budget committee took a little different position in that three out of four forecasts that we looked at show that the income that the committee is using is the correct income to consider at this time. It does not mean that in 1981 it may be the correct one. But it certainly is the correct one today and today is when we have to vote. Included in that budget is the reserve that this legislature very wisely puts into the budget in case there is an economic reversal of some kind that depletes the funds from lack of activity. We have a 6% reserve, in other words, 94% of the money collected is what we will be expected to spend anyway. Senator DeCamp, for ease I would refer you to page 17 in this bill, that would make a statement like this: Is that the total expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per diems shall not