

exceed \$1,469,098. I suggest that your 95% figure would be also applied to that figure which would reduce salaries and incomes in the state. To set up a budget is just almost impossible thing to do. First year on the budget committee I'm amazed at the amount of work that is done and I am amazed at the ability of nine people to sit across from each other hour on hour with varying political philosophies and varying social and economic backgrounds to come to a consensus at which they are willing to stake their political lives and their "political friendships" on the floor of this legislature by supporting the committee and its activities. But the committee is able to do that and they are able to do it for one good reason. They feel very confident as a committee that what they have done is defensible, is in the best interest of the state and should be accepted by the legislature. But should the legislature in its wisdom decide to change the budget it should be changed on the basis of what Senator Schmit was attempting and Senator Beutler was attempting is to pick out those items that have some substance to them, hundreds of millions of dollars and go after those for what they are worth. We are in very serious times and there is no doubt that there are many bankruptcies that are just underneath the surface and when they start to go it will be an explosion and it shall be heard. There is no doubt in my mind that this budget committee has put together a document that certainly was thoroughly discussed those potentials as we arrived at the decisions that we did. I for one representing members of this legislature on the budget committee was very diligent in attempting to understand that we were going to have moneys available to meet the programs in which we were approving by putting that money in the budget. Support or reject the DeCamp amendment as you will, but do it for one very important reason. That is your own considered opinion of what this legislature should do with this budget.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. First of all I think that the budget committee has been discussed enough here this afternoon. They are not on trial here this afternoon, they represent nine people who did their best and came up with a recommendation. I disagree with the fact that five members of that committee can control the other four and then come out on the floor with a position which is unassailable, but that is the way they run the show and that is their business. I have no particular quarrel with it. I guess I would tend to agree with most of what Senator Kelly has said. That is why I chose to select certain particular items in the budget and try to reduce those items. As