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SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this amendment basically does not deal in a sense with new money but it deals with money that the Legislature has not used in prior years. Traditionally, in the legislative process what has happened with regard to the Legislative Council is that we have been under very tight oversight from the Legislature itself, of course, because you all are very closely aware of legislative expenditures. So, consequently, the practice has been that each year the money that we don't use, and we always have some as opposed to other agencies because of the close supervision of the legislative body as a whole, the money that we don't use each year is reappropriated back to the Legislature. This year for the first time the Appropriations Committee has said, we are not reappropriating back to you those lapsed funds and, in my opinion, we need those lapsed funds. And what I am suggesting to you with this amendment, and Senator DeCamp is suggesting, is that we continue the practice of the past and that these lapsed funds be put into a special fund for Capitol renovation. I am going to pass...I have passed out to you now exactly what has happened last year and this year with regard to the legislative appropriation.

PRESIDENT: May we have some order in the Chamber, please. A lowering of the conversation level would help. (Gavel.) Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But if you adopt this amendment, which would put about \$700,000 into a Capitol renovation fund, even adopting the amendment, the total amount that you are appropriating to the Legislature is less than what the Appropriations Committee appropriated to the Legislature last year. The sheet that is being passed out to you will show you that in '84 and '85 as between the amount directly appropriated and the reappropriation, the Legislature was appropriated \$8.6 million, almost \$8.7 million last year. This year under the committee's proposed budget, as you can see, there would be about \$7.5 million in direct appropriation and only \$120,000 would be reappropriated. So, essentially, we would have about a million dollars less, a million dollars, almost 12 percent less appropriated to us than what was appropriated to us, in fact, last year. The Capitol renovation projects, I think, are very important. This Legislature has the responsibility for the upkeep of a