

and I repeat again, that helps, but I think for myself the realization has been there for some time that looking at this year and next year's appropriations issues that we probably should reject this; realize that some adjustment in the tax rate in the form of a quarter percent of sales tax or the 1 percent in income tax as advanced by the Revenue Committee, when looking at two years together, is a more realistic way to go. I think the necessity of carrying a substantial reserve is paramount. We want to avoid having to come back and look for further revenue increases or for further appropriation reductions and that perhaps the best course is to do what few refinements may be necessary in LB 722, but accept the fact that a 20 or \$30 million reduction is not likely to be beneficial in the long run and I would urge you to reject the proposed amendment for a 3 percent across the board.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich, then Senator Chambers and Senator Haberman, and then Senator Marsh.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President and members of the body, I'm going to have to rise in opposition to Senator DeCamp's proposal for a couple of reasons, one of which right now is not the time to be doing this particular motion when we have not disposed of some of the other proposals on the list to see how far they will get the dollars down, or the cuts built up. The next point I would like to make on this is that, for example, if you take a 3 percent cut on an agency that depends on matching dollars with federal programs, you wind up cutting that agency a lot more than just the 3 percent general fund cut because you're not matching the federal dollars that it takes to a match money proposal to cut. to attract in and get those dollars, those federal dollars, to fund the program so you're literally affecting some of these programs grossly compared to just a simple 3 percent cut. You also, with a quick interpretation and we haven't had this very long, but my interpretation of it is that the University would be included and the state colleges would be included in it, technical community colleges would be included in it. Take, for example, the University. We have already cut the University 2.2 percent, I'm sorry, \$2.2 million in their operating side of their budget. This then would come back at them with another 3 percent general fund cut which would grossly affect the University and the state colleges and even the community colleges, if I am interpreting that correctly. Senator Warner already has