

to show people that I go give talks to and the children when they come from your district and you ask me to talk to them, the people who voted to cut the babies and the people who thought it was too much to say that these scoundrelly adults can't stand a 1 percent cut. In the same way that the adults hog up all the money produced by the football program and think that those who make the money shouldn't get a nickel of it, the same kind are in this body who say kill the babies, but don't touch some of these other programs and I'm sure everybody would agree that none of them are giving 100 percent. And Senator DeCamp is saying, let's say that they give 99 percent so we'll give them 99 percent of what they ask for...

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...of what you decided to give them up to this point. I'm going to support his amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman. Then the next speaking order...that's right, sorry. We have an amendment to the amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the DeCamp amendment by striking 3 percent and inserting 2 percent. (Beutler amendment appears on page 2408 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I, too, have some mixed reactions to reducing the budget by this method, but I am still very much interested in reducing the budget. And I think that at this particular point in time we should understand exactly where we are. Right now with the Appropriations Committee cuts that we've made we have enough to pay for our budget and to have a 2 percent reserve left over. Okay, that's obviously not enough of a reserve. It doesn't even meet the statutory 3 percent. If we left things essentially just where they are and then added a half a percent sales tax or so, we'd have a reserve of 5.5 percent or closer to 6 which, in my opinion, is too much of a reserve. I don't think we need that much of a reserve. That's more money than we need. So I am in favor to a certain extent of what Senator DeCamp is doing although later on I would like to suggest to you some ways of perhaps