

of a bad situation and a bad set of circumstances. If you adopt this amendment and put it at 2 percent and then if you proceed to adopt the 2 percent cut, then you put yourself in this position. You put yourself in the position of having avoided a tax increase, the reserve will be between 3.5 and 4 percent, there will be a little leeway in there, maybe \$3 or \$4 million where you can talk about adding some things back in, some of your favorite programs. Maybe they're the favorite programs of at least 25 others of us. I would like to do something about the ADC problem. I feel badly about that, but first of all, first of all, I feel badly about the farmers out there who are being foreclosed upon and on many other citizens of this state who are having a hard time now. You know the tax revenues haven't decreased for no reason at all. They have decreased because folks are having a hard time and don't have money out there. So I suggest to you you adopt this and adopt the 2 percent across the board. Then we'll be down to where we should be and then we can decide whether to add things back in. In any event, 3 percent is too high and I would hope at least as an initial step you would adopt my amendment and reduce it to 2 percent. Then we're in the realm of reality. Then we're in the realm of things we can intelligently talk about. I would ask the adoption of the amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion is the adoption of the Beutler amendment to the DeCamp amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. The motion is the adoption of the Beutler amendment to the DeCamp amendment. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? The motion is the adoption of the Beutler amendment to the DeCamp amendment. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk. Senator Beutler.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 19 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment to the DeCamp amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Beutler amendment to the DeCamp amendment is adopted. Now we have the DeCamp amendment and another amendment is on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the DeCamp amendment by striking all exemptions or exclusions.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.