

unwise to do the across the board. That is a judgement question you make, that is an individual choice. I'm going to vote for it, maybe for politics, maybe because I really believe we can cut the spending, maybe because I believe that state employees, if squeezed, will still get their increase but maybe they'll get rid of some of the less effective employees and retain some of the others. So I'm going to support it. But if you are going to do it, all I'm asking you to do is do it in an efficient manner or not at all. I repeat, I don't think you are going to make any additional significant cuts other than in this fashion. I think the Appropriations Committee took us as far as you can effectively go on individual cuts. Now you have the question, is this smart government, is this smart government, or budgeting to do it this way? Again, that is an individual judgement question you have to make. We have utilized this method repeatedly in the past. We'll stand up on the floor and say it can't be done, it is irresponsible. At the same time, when we come in those special sessions, this is pretty much the way we do it. So I'm opposing this amendment. I'm opposing it simply because it will louse up the thing and make it an unworkable cut. I think if Senator Chambers really was serious about the babies, and I know he is, and, Senator Chambers, for the record,...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR DECAMP: Senator Labeledz and I, both, worked really vigorously and diligently on the baby issue the other day. I was on her side, I still am, and I will be. I happen to personally believe, I'll tell you, I'll make it real honest with you, I happen to personally believe if the across the board cut is made that there will still be some additional adjustments. I happen to believe that is one of the adjustments that will occur. Maybe it won't occur otherwise. So I'm asking you to withdraw the amendment, which I know you won't. But...

PRESIDENT: Your time is expiring.

SENATOR DECAMP: ...I'll quit.

PRESIDENT: Next, Senator Beutler, do you wish to speak on the Chambers amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I