

on to the Governor and requesting him to do it by way of line-item veto, but instead to keep our feet to the fire and get the job done here. Again I commend Senator DeCamp's first idea and would ask you to hold to that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair takes the liberty of recognizing Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I'll just withdraw this and stick with the 2 percent and see what happens.

PRESIDENT: We are back to the main amendment then. Speakers on the main amendment, Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the amendment. Our Appropriations Committee has worked hard for four months. I think they've worked hard to get some selective cuts and have done a pretty good job. I don't think across the board cut is ever justified. There probably may be some areas that we could still cut, but when you start across the board cuts you are making cuts in some places that we just cannot afford to cut. We are hurting people that are going to take a cut, or not going to get any increases, and I don't think it is justified. If we need to cut this farther, let's look at some selective cuts, but let's not take it across the board. As far as a tax increase, I've been on record since last fall saying that we would have a tax increase, and I think it is necessary. I still think so today. Don't tell me anything about the conditions of the economy in Nebraska. I come from the First Legislative District, and I'll tell you things are not good in the First Legislative District. But many of these things that we are talking about we are simply shifting the tax back to local areas. It is not a tax cut, it is shifting the pocket that you are taking it out of. If you are going to make some cuts, let's come up with some real selective cuts, some individual areas that you think you can make these cuts. But again I say there is no one that has worked harder than this Appropriations Committee. We come down here now on the final couple of weeks and we are going to just ignore all the work they've done and then say we'll just come in with an across the board cut. We didn't need an Appropriations Committee if that is the way we are going to work. Again I say most of those cuts that we are talking about, when you are talking about a 2 percent cut, it is simply going to mean a property tax increase back