

SENATOR VICKERS: But we all know we're not going to do it. The reason we're not going to do it is because somebody's ox gets gored every time you try to do it that way. So the only way, politically, you are going to do it is to go in and gore everybody's ox just a little bit, just nick them a little, just kind of graze them with the horns. It seems to me that maybe we can get it done that way. I would further suggest to you whether or not we allow the Governor to do it, as somebody suggested, I think the best way to do it, that is what this body is elected to do, we are to send the budget over to the Governor that I believe the majority of this body thinks it ought to be. If, in fact, we don't do it now, we are liable to be back here in September or August doing it then. Several of us have been in those situations and we've done it this way, and we all know it. I suggest we do it now and be up front about it. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the DeCamp amendment. I think this is a poor way to do business. I think that we ought to take each issue. We're not all going to agree on it. No one said we were supposed to. As a matter of fact, it is exactly the opposite, we are supposed to disagree, we are supposed to discuss it. We don't need to just cut all institutions' budgets. We don't need to cut just things across the board. We need to look at each individual agency, each individual expenditure, make our best decision, send it on to the Governor, let the process run its course. There are some people that have been left behind in the spending that has been going on the previous few years. Some of those need to have adequate funding. Some of them need to be cut. There are some agencies that I am sure need to be eliminated. Across the board is not the way to do it. I, in the interest of time, confirm and absolutely agree with Senator Wesely's statements of a few minutes ago. This is simply not the way to do it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, you are next, but there are about eight other people and then you may close. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I think maybe we are approaching a moment in time when we can