

the history of the state. If you vote against it, I think we are at a watershed time, a watershed mark here. I think from this point on any significant cuts will not be possible, and I think also there will be some additions which may not all be bad. I will give you my perspective on how it would play out politically. I told the Governor this and I make no secret of it. I think politically, well, he may believe it is wise to make the cuts this year and have no tax increase this year, which I can support, politically it will come back and slap him in the face next year and be slightly devastating, which is fine by me. Make no secret of where I am coming from on it. I have, historically, supported and sponsored across the board cuts strictly because I found they are the only way to get cuts. Other than Appropriations Committee agreed upon specialized cuts, other than those from the Appropriations Committee, I've never seen anybody successfully hold on to any significant cuts. That may be good or bad. I guess I happen to think it is not all bad. They gave us their cuts, the maximum they could do targeting. I think from that point on about the only way is the across the board, with the exceptions as I've enumerated. I know there are a number of them gone. I know there aren't enough votes to pass this amendment. I know that. But I really believe, as I say, from a record standpoint it will prevent a tax increase, it will be the single biggest spending cut in the history of the state, and I suppose to a degree that is impressive. However, because it does impact property taxes, because it does impact all these other things, you've got to think that even though it will solve a problem this year, you've got to truly think it might come back and slap him in the face next year. At least that is kind of the way I see it. Me, I can live with her either way. I'd like to see the cuts, at the same time I understand the consequences of them. I urge you to adopt the amendment. If you do, that kind of settles the issue I think, should have no tax increase and we'd be kind of half way finished with the budget. But I rather suspect it won't be adopted, and then we will go through the veto thing. I don't know that...how that will play out.

PRESIDENT: All right. The motion is the adoption of the amendment, DeCamp amendment to the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Motion is the adoption of the main DeCamp amendment to the bill that has been under discussion. Please record your vote. Have you requested a roll call? Okay. Call of the house has been requested, to