

considering the motion to reconsider. Roll call vote has been asked for. May we proceed, Senator Lynch? Senator Higgins is here. Proceed, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read the roll call vote as found on pages 2441-42 of the Legislative Journal.) 22 ayes, 18 nays, Mr. President, on the reconsideration.

SPEAKER NICHOL: We do not reconsider. What do you have next, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have is by Senator DeCamp.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The call is raised. Senator DeCamp, please.

CLERK: Senator, I understand you had an amendment that you want to divide the question on, is that true?

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes. Mr. President, I had a bunch of amendments. I just want to try one to prove a point. In other words, I had all kinds of percentage across-the-board cuts. I felt we reached what was the only possible one, the 2 percent. That failed. There has been some talk about doing individual cuts. I suggested that that is not an easy job because everybody has their own particular things they want to protect. I have got an amendment up there that does about...what is it, 20 million total, I think, and I want to divide it. It includes state employees, cutting their raise in half, about five or six million there. It includes the Munny Court takeover, about five million there, delays that for a year. It includes higher education, all of higher education, about ten million there. It includes state aid, another five million there. I just want to take one of them, maybe two of them and I will divide them. The first one is state employees and I would ask you to vote on that. It cuts them from 3 percent increase to 1.5 percent increase. If you want to pick up a quick \$5 million permanently, that's it. In other words, if you cut it now to 1.5 percent, you save the money and Pat will tell you the page. And whatever you do next year, you may increase their deal or their salaries, but at least for this year you have saved yourself 5 million and it is a true and honest savings. As to wise it is, you make your own judgment. But in terms of individual cuts, that is an individual cut.