

course, the package of individual cuts that is coming up, because if he can prove a case now that we don't want to vote for individual cuts, then we don't have to think about anything else very seriously, do we? None of these amendments are serious. Muny Courts, you need a statute to do that. We killed it in Judiciary Committee. If you cut this money, all you do is take money out of the District Court, County Courts and the Supreme Court. The Muny Court transfer will go forward as is mandated by statute and you simply cut out that much money from the court system. It doesn't change the Muny Court merger at all. This is nonsense. It would be total nonsense to vote for this and John knows it. So if this proves some kind of point, fine, but I hope you recognize that this does make...this makes no sense at all.

**SPEAKER NICHOL:** Senator Chambers, please, then Senator Schmit.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, a great deal of work has already been undertaken and is currently under way to effect this merger and I am hoping that you will not vote for Senator DeCamp's amendment, although as he, himself, pointed out and Senator Beutler underscored again, legislation would be necessary to undo that prospect. So this particular amendment, Senator DeCamp, may have included among those that he said were designed to make a point. So the point having been made or wasted, I would suggest that we not vote to accept this one.

**SPEAKER NICHOL:** Senator Schmit, please, then Senator Nelson.

**SENATOR SCHMIT:** Mr. President and members, I very rarely get in on the appropriations process. I see very little of it and I don't ask very many questions and by the time the bill gets to the floor, the few bucks that are left to scramble over out here by the 40 of us that are not on the committee are usually not significant. I want to point out just one aspect of what Senator DeCamp is attempting to do and I said this earlier to several members of the committee. There isn't any way that the 40 of us who are not members of the Appropriations Committee can make selective cuts with much intelligence. We have not worked as you have for six months on the budget. We do not know the implications of what we are doing. If we make those selective cuts, we make