

cut there and that was kind of fun for a while, wasn't it? But anyway, I am going to withdraw anything else and I suggest we get the bill passed and finished with now.

SPEAKER NICHOL: What's the next motion, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Goodrich, I understand you want to withdraw yours, Senator, right?

SPEAKER NICHOL: They are withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Vickers, you had the next two and I understand you want to withdraw those, Senator.

SPEAKER NICHOL: They are withdrawn. Mr. President, the next amendment I have is offered by Senators Beutler, Landis, Morehead, Johnson, Withem, Vickers, Harris and Lynch. Copies are being distributed.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, are you going to handle this?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this particular proposal that is before you now represents five different items that would have the total effect of reducing the budget by \$10.5 million. More technically, what is before you today or what is before you right at this moment are four different items that are amendments to 722 which decrease the budget by \$8.7 million and then a fifth item which is an amendment to the construction bill which decreases expenditures by another \$1.8 million. A group of people who are interested in not raising taxes and trying to avoid a tax increase got together on a couple of occasions and the purpose of getting together was to see if there was...to figure out some way that hopefully we could cut a \$10 million in addition to what the Appropriations Committee cut so that with that additional \$10 million we would not have to raise taxes and we could have a reserve above the statutory 3 percent. That process of developing this particular package was a very difficult process and it was a difficult process for the very reasons that Senator DeCamp was attempting to point out to you, because everybody has his or her baby. Everybody has something that they really like a lot. I do like the Muny Court merger a lot. Okay, but in this process of developing this package, all of us got together and all of