

amendments and so forth, that's the way we'll do it for this bill. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members, we're talking about the same old thing one more time, but I feel the need to make some clarifications about this born again liberal's views. This born again liberal is not going to vote for a tax increase. Now maybe that would qualify me as a conservative, I don't know, but you know I support the Governor when he says we should live within the same tax rates. So the only argument is how do we cut the budget to a point where we can live within the tax rates. I recognize that this body cannot collect 25 votes to cut the budget in a rational, selective manner. The only possibility of agreements in this body seems to be the abdication of responsibility by across the board cuts. Now I reject that method of budgeting except possibly in an emergency. Now across the board budget cuts is not the way to go, Senator Hefner. Across the board budget cuts is not the way to go. This body should be able to be selective in how this budget should be cut, but so far it has not been able to do that. And as I mentioned before, I'm not for a tax increase in spite of what some people over in the northeast corner might say. I'm supporting the same tax rates. I'm one of the few that did not vote for the revenue bill which advanced yesterday because I don't think we need that bill. The Governor said we're going to live within those tax rates. I agree that we should, but I don't like across the board cuts. That's what you do in an emergency. It's the easy way out. Now since this body cannot agree on those specific cuts, my position is the same today as it was yesterday, as it was the day before, even though nobody is listening. Senator Lynch is listening. Senator Hefner is listening. Senator Morehead is listening.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, (gavel) would you please listen to the speakers and hold the conversation down again, please, please. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: What I am saying is the same thing I said before, yesterday. Across the board cuts is not the way we should budget. We should not do it that way. We cannot agree on those specific cuts in this body. I recognize that at this point so I say again, the Governor is the one, the only, only one now that can have...can institute specific line item vetoes to get those cuts where it should be and I