

becomes four percent for next year's budget. Your base becomes four percent which means that when you add state employees' salaries onto a four percent base instead of a three percent base you are exacerbating your problems, your budget problems for next year. That would be a major mistake, a major mistake, and I haven't even talked about the question of fairness to state employees. I think that the better course is the course that we set out on in the beginning and I hope you will not vote for the DeCamp amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Nelson, followed by Senator Goll.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I, too, have to rise up against the DeCamp amendment. I think that if we're going to make the cut we must make it as equal as possible. However, I have one thing that I want to note. I suppose for the records, I'm not going to stand up here and probably nit pick through the agencies and the program numbers. I did notice that my Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program was not included in this list of exclusions. We are talking about \$3,815,000 general funding. I just talked to Ron Jensen and that fund has already taken a one percent reduction for this year so if I do add my two percent on it again I'm down to three percent reduction or a \$114,000 again. So I guess that probably strictly for the record, I've just really come out a loser this year. I've about lost all my alcohol tax money and I did want it in the record that I'll guarantee you, if there is any money being put back in in anything, I'm going to be in there and fight and really fight hard for my Alcohol and Drug Abuse money right back in there. In fact I think I'll look at the interstate every time I go down there. If I see too many of them standing alongside of the road I'll be back in fighting.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Goll, followed by Senator Vickers.

SENATOR GOLL: Mr. Speaker, I wanted to speak to the amendment, not the amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Vickers, then Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I, too, rise to oppose the DeCamp amendment based on many of the same reasons that Senator Schmit and Senator Beutler pointed out.