

suggested as probably, if you're going to make cuts, the only way you're effectively going to get them done other than those made by the Appropriations Committee. So either proposal you choose to go with here today, I think gets down to the essence of across the boards. Now the across the board method has been condemned and I would compare it to what they say about democracy as a way to run government. What is that old saying? Democracy is the worst system of government there is except for everyone...every other system because it has so many inherent flaws, but ultimately it seems to be the only one that really is fair to the people and seems to function. Across the board cuts are absolutely the worst way to do budgeting except for every other way you try because you can't get them passed and that was the point I was trying to make yesterday with the employees and the other things and with the package that Senator Beutler and the group originally had and they've come around and I see the Governor, by the morning paper apparently, has come around to espousing the across the board method. Now some cut is going to be passed. I don't know whether that is wise or unwise, but something is going to happen so I'm saying you have two alternatives. Alternative number one is the original proposal of two percent with the exclusions and the exclusions are important because if you don't do them I think the thing is fatally flawed, but we have done them. That amendment was adopted this morning, pretty much, so what is my proposal? I tried to do what Senator Beutler said he thought was fair yesterday and what I also offered here two or three days ago and that is a little less of the butchering across the board and a little more of the specialized thing. Now Senator Beutler doesn't like it, but once again what were his objections? His objections were, well that impacts us here in Lincoln, basically, public employees. Yes, once again the old individual thing starts showing up, but as a reward, as a reward for that delay of six months I'm giving the public employees a bigger amount, a four percent increase. So I think it is a balanced thing and I think, as I say, that you raise most of the money that you need to cut, that I think you can reasonably cut, with a minimum of butchery, a minimum of butchery, which is what across the board is. It's just butchering, but as I say, unfortunately, it's the only way. Now why do I want one percent if it can be done as opposed to two? And as I say, if this fails I'm supporting two because that was what I originally proposed and what I think is, if you're going to cut, that's the way. Why one? Because outside of