

the cut. Senator Wesely is saying, no, a two percent across the board cut is a two percent across the board cut and we don't need any exemptions because it's painful. There is no question, it's painful and why should we ease the pain on some and extend the pain on others? So what he is suggesting is we only leave two things in there and those that we have no control on, leave the Retirement Board in, leave the state claims in there. We have no control on what we pay on those so he says let's leave those, but let's get rid of the rest of the exclusions. Now that makes sense. If you're going to cut across the board, then cut across the board. If you aren't, fine. But don't have just these exclusions because for example, there is one major item missing off this list of exclusions. The entire Social Services Department. The entire Social Services Department is missing from the exclusion. Programs that are going to be subject to cut in there are all of your ADC unborn programs, your medical assistance programs, family support programs, crippled children program, foster care program, Ribicoff children program, all those programs that we seem as a body to hold so dear, we're putting on the chopping block, two percent off. But these other programs, workmen's comp., judges salaries, we're going to exclude that from a cut? Is that more important than the ADC unborn, Senator Chambers, Senator Labeledz? More important than the Ribicoff children, Senator Johnson? This list is arbitrary. I think it's somewhat political. I question how it came up. I question whether it has any rationality at all as Senator Wesely did. I question that there is more important programs on this list of exclusions than what is on the chopping block right now. So I reiterate, I support Senator Wesely's motion because if you're going to make a painful chop across the board, don't arbitrarily leave out some because there is no justification why these programs are more important than those we're leaving on the chopping block. Either support it across the board, or don't support it at all. I support Senator Wesely's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chizek, did you wish to speak on the Wesely amendment? Senator Hoagland, Wesely amendment? Senator Vickers, Wesely amendment? May we have order in the Chamber, please? (Gavel.)

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I rise to oppose the Wesely amendment. I want you to understand what is going on. If you believe we had not ought to have a tax