

we are being forced to do here today. If we cut an order to hold the tax line and then they go back and say, gee, folks, we can't cut our budget, therefore, we're going to raise property taxes, I'm going to be one of the first to come down really hard on them...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: ...because we are making those tough decisions and they'd better make them too. And the public had better stay on all of us because I feel today we are responding to their desires not to have a tax increase and these are painful decisions. We may be backing ourselves into a corner for next year and I think Senator Warner is probably going to tell us that again today because we have commitments already for next year and we may be backing ourselves there, but it is time for us to buy some time and see if we can't help our agricultural sector and if we can't help our businesses get on their feet. We're not playing a float game. We don't need to play a float game. We need to buy some honest time and see if that won't help. So again I say, this is not easy. It is not fun. It is a tough decision, but I ask you to support the two percent cut across the board with the exemptions that we have retained. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goll. Next is Senator Abboud. Main motion.

SENATOR GOLL: Mr. President and colleagues, I have been listening with interest this morning and I want you to understand there is no charade on my part. I am committed to the budget that the Appropriations Committee spent four and a half months working out. We presented a budget of \$846 million and then came back in an honest endeavor and we took \$10 million off of that budget and we hit everybody. And Senator Labeledz talks about being a hero or not being a hero and quite frankly I don't care who the heroes are. But I want to tell you that it's unfortunate that all 49 of us don't have an opportunity to serve on the Appropriations Committee and I had that opportunity this year for the first time. And I want to tell you that if you served and you worked and you knew what went into this budget and the deliberations that we took to try to arrive at a fair and equitable budget for this state, you'd support that budget and you wouldn't be coming in trying to cut \$4 million out