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SENATOR WARNER: You go on down agency after agency. Time is out. All I would suggest, if you want to be responsible, know what you are doing.

PRESIDENT: A privileged amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lamb would move to reconsider the adoption of the Beutler amendment to the Beutler amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, it looks as if we're going to go for this across the board reduction, two percent reduction. I think everybody agrees this is not the way to build a budget, absolutely not the way to build a budget, not responsible. We don't seem to be able to agree on anything else. We don't seem to want the Governor to do what needs to be done over there to stay within the present tax rates which I think everybody in this body supports, keeping within the tax rates. So if we're going to make an across the board reduction let's make it across the board. So what this amendment does is reconsider the Beutler amendment to his amendment whereby he took out a number of items which would not be affected by the two percent cut. All I'm saying is if we're not going to look at this in depth, if we're not going to look at it in a responsible manner, if we're going to say across the board, across the board, across the board, let's make it across the board. Let's let the Department of Education suffer along with everybody else. A number of items on that sheet mount up to a lot of money. It looks like 50, 60, \$70 million there. No reason that we should do that. I made a mistake, see. I can reconsider it. I'm moving to reconsider this because I made the mistake to vote for it. I'm on the prevailing side. So I'm admitting my mistake in voting for that, that if we're going to go this way, this irresponsible way, there is no reason why anybody should escape unharmed. Let's do it across the board. Let's not have exclusions. Let's take those exclusions back out of the Beutler amendment and do it to everybody. I ask that you reconsider your action on the Beutler amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler on the reconsideration motion. Then Senator Haberman.