

say that has not been said before? I guess I see at this point the body evenly divided, evenly divided. Nobody likes across the board cuts. Nobody likes it. So it's a choice at this point, it seems to be a choice between across the board cuts which are not based on logic or this body can decide on specific cuts which it does not seem to be able to do or it can let the Governor decide and a number of people don't want that to happen. So we're pretty well tied up at this point. So, if we are going to have across the board cuts as a number of people here seem to wish, let's have it across the board so it affects nearly all agencies. There is nothing wrong with that concept. There is nothing any more wrong about that concept than there is the total concept of two percent cuts which is not good. I think every member in this body will agree this is not the way to build a budget. We should not do it this way, but if we are going to do it, I maintain let's keep it across the board with everybody. I ask that the amendment be adopted or that we reconsider the Beutler amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion is by Senator Lamb to reconsider the amendment by Senator Beutler that was adopted earlier this morning. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted on the motion to reconsider? Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: I'll not ask for a roll call.

PRESIDENT: All right. The house remains under call. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 27 nays on the motion to reconsider.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. The call of the house is raised. We're back to the Beutler amendment, are we, Mr. Clerk? We're back to the Beutler amendment now, Mr. Clerk? We are now back to the main motion which is the Beutler amendment and I will return to the main list. Senator Rod Johnson, main motion, Beutler amendment. Then Senator Vickers and Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members, I rise to support the two percent cut across the board. I have restricted myself, in fact I think this is the first opportunity I've had to speak on the proposed budget and I rise somewhat reluctantly because I'm not a member of the