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proposal. And the one thing that I would bring to your attention is the fact that this approach, for example, would not only give you the reductions this year but each year thereafter. If we cut a program, for example, we don't have to fund that program year, after year, after year thereafter. So we are actually doing something here that, if it meets with your approval when we bring it back to you, that will be a significant reduction in the scope of state government in years to come. Consequently you will have, assuming that you accept the recommendations of the committee when they come out, you will have done something significant in this session to reduce the scope of government and get it down a significant dollar amount in years to come. Ease up that pressure next year and the year after that, and the year after that, assuming that we don't go right back through a cycle of putting all these programs back on the books. So I would wholeheartedly endorse Senator Warner's proposal that the committee has agreed to. I would certainly recommend your approval of it.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Harris, and then Senator Lamb, and Senator Beutler.

SENATOR HARRIS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I am pleased to hear the motion and pleased to support the motion for two reasons. One is that I was being forced into a position that I did not want to be forced into and that was to vote for across the board cuts in spending. I do not think that is a good way to do business. I spoke to that point a few days ago. I was about to have to change my position because of the situation that was being put before me. I believe that this will take me out of that situation. We will have a more selective investigation and possible cut in certain programs. I think it is a positive thing. The second thing is that we will now have the month of May for revenues so that we can look at that and decide whether we've had an aberration, or whether we have a pattern. If you will recall a couple of weeks ago I threw out the idea of recessing for ten days in order to give us a little bit of time to think things over. There was not a positive reaction to that. I didn't pursue it. But now I think it is becoming more evident that we need to do that. We need to step back, allow some of these things to fall into place, allow the Appropriations Committee to do their very selective work, and we need to look at those revenues. I, personally, feel that the revenues for the month of May,