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on the part of the sales tax revenues, are going to be shorter than their projections for the sales tax receipts. I want to take a look at that before I make any final decisions on either the spending or the raising of taxes. So I support, wholeheartedly, the motion by Senator Warner, and I commend the Appropriations Committee for coming to this conclusion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb, and then Senator Beutler.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, my apartment rent runs out at the end of the month, I hope you realize that. I'll be looking for a place to live, any takers? But I commend the Appropriations Committee for being willing to take on this task. I think if they are willing to do that, I'm willing to find another place to live. I'm willing to give up three days of putting up alfalfa in the next week, when alfalfa comes off, the first of June. I think this is a reasonable approach. I just hated to see us go with that across the board cut. Maybe this will work us out of the dilemma. I support their proposal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler, and then Senator Landis.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, Senator Warner, I very much appreciate the response of the Appropriations Committee and the fact that you are willing to take on this kind of a responsibility. I don't question the integrity of what the Appropriations Committee is doing at all. But at the same time I think that the members of the Appropriations Committee realize that they are calling upon the proponents of the two percent cut to voluntarily give up what has now become a tactical advantage, that by virtue of allowing the Appropriations Committee to do this work we are also allowing the lobbyists for the University, all six of them, and the lobbyists for all other organizations to devise plans to defeat our plans hopefully not to have a tax increase. But I guess that is the price we will just have to pay because those of us who signed the letter that was forwarded to Senator Warner have believed from the beginning that the appropriate process, that the most sensible and intelligent process was for the Appropriations Committee to make recommendations to us as to that second set of cuts. I'm sure that nobody has changed their opinion in that regard. But there is one item that concerns me. I think that the committee owes an answer to this, to the rest of