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us. On grounds of philosophy the committee, at first, did not want to look into further cuts on the basis that instead of further cuts what was wise was a tax increase. On grounds of philosophy, or despite that philosophy I take it that the Appropriations Committee is saying to us now that they are going to look at an additional \$10 million in cuts, despite their personal philosophies, or maybe they are not. The question I am getting to, Senator Warner, and Senator Hannibal, and Senator Scofield, and Senator Lundy, why is it that you cannot give us, and I understand from Senator Warner's earlier comments you cannot give us, why is it that you cannot give us a dollar amount of cuts that you are looking towards in your package that you will return to the body? It would seem to me that if it is your agreement to come up with a new package then you ought to be able to represent to the body that \$15 million...a \$15 million package will be presented to the body, your best effort at a \$15 million package. What is unreasonable about asking for a clarification in that regard? Perhaps there is something I don't understand. But it would seem to me that the purpose of this is to get that job done, to avoid a tax cut. I assume what you are saying to us is we didn't really want that, but if you are asking us to go to work for you we will, and we will present you with a package that is the best shot at no tax increase. If that is what you are saying, then you ought to be able to say to us that you will come up with a package, \$15 million package to that end. I would invite response from anybody on the Appropriations Committee. Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Well, Senator Beutler, the only reason why...how much time does Senator Beutler have?

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: I would like to address this a little further. I will tell you, because I have some things I'd like to address.

PRESIDENT: You have some time coming up.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: All right, I'll wait for my time. The only thing I'll say to you in response right now is the only reason why we didn't bring a figure with us today, this afternoon, is because that part of the discussion did not come up. This came up very quickly. Right at the end, we