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PRESIDENT MCGINLEY PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Mr. Clerk, would you want to have the members record their presence. Members, please record your presence for acquiring a quorum for the afternoon session. All members of the Legislature, please come to the Legislative Chamber and check in so that we may...(microphone turned off). Legislature is in session. What do we have before us at the present time in connection with the appropriations, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, with respect to LB 722, there was pending before the Legislature, a motion by Senator Beutler which essentially reduced all general fund appropriations by 2 percent. There had been an amendment to that by Senator Beutler, outlining certain exemptions for the 2 percent cut. That had been adopted. I now have pending, Mr. President, a motion by Senator DeCamp. Senator DeCamp's amendment would essentially amend the Beutler amendment and call for a 1.25 percent reduction with the exemptions in place.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I have talked to Senator Warner. And Senator Warner and the Appropriations Committee, as I understand it, Senator Warner just came into the room, wishes to offer the work they have done for the last days, seven days, working day and night, wants to offer that as a package. So with that in mind it is my understanding he wants to offer his amendment in the position my amendment is. So I will withdraw my amendment and allow him to offer his amendment and tell you I think they have done fabulous work and that I would hope we could adopt his amendment and get on to other business here. I think they have done incredibly hard work. I'm going to support them.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, are you ready to...we have before us the withdrawal of an amendment by Senator DeCamp. Senator Warner, I guess Senator DeCamp...may we have order in the Chamber, please. (Gavel.) May we have order in the Chamber, please. Senator Warner, I guess Senator DeCamp allowed us to proceed with an amendment he has, which was a