

to one bird, then you can come in with an amendment to strike the 2 percent across the board or to strike the 1 percent across the board or whatever is appropriate to get it back down to the 15 million dollar level if that is what you want to bring it back down to.

SENATOR WARNER: Can I ask, Senator Beutler, from your perspective, if the committee amendment goes first, and is rejected, then your 2 percent is the only thing left, right?

SENATOR BEUTLER: There are 48, 49 people in this Legislature, Senator Warner. I'm sure it won't be the only thing left.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, I mean between the two options.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, as between the options it is the only thing left, yes. But, that is not to say that there are only two options.

SENATOR WARNER: Oh no, I would understand that there will be a series of individual amendments irregardless of which package that then there will be people who will want to make amendments to change, even if there is a package option that those are subject to amendment afterwards. My assumption is to stay where we are. If the package doesn't go, then we will deal with your 2 percent. I don't see where your position is any worse. Ours is probably worse. You can always vote no on the first one assuming a better deal is coming, you know.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well from a tactical point of view, Senator Warner, I think you gain great advantage from the happenings of the last three or four days without too much disgruntlement on the part of anybody in the Legislature, so I don't see that the giving up of a small tactical advantage at this point in return is asking too much.

SENATOR WARNER: I guess my problem, Senator Beutler, is that I fail to see the tactical disadvantage that your group has. My presumption was that the appropriation was behind when we talked before lunch, had the lesser tactical advantage because it could be rejected and your amendment then was still alive.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The tactical disadvantage, frankly,