

now, to say, we agree with you, Appropriations Committee, or we disagree with you. And if there is disagreement, and obviously there is going to be a lot, then may be the time and then is only the appropriate time to decide whether we're going to use the butcher block. So I support Senator Warner's motion and I think the 42 people who here publicly reached a commitment and an understanding, a clear understanding, I can't imagine anybody in this room who was sitting here has any doubt that that was the agreement.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR DECAMP: You go back, you bring us your ideas, you total 15 million minimum, I guess it totals 15.9, you examine agencies, programs, everything. That was agreed on. There was no secret. It was stated on the floor, and if you come up with something then we'll look at it and that's where we are, to look at it and see if we're going to support it. If you adopt the 2 percent it becomes a moot subject. It's over. The 2 percent is the court of last resort which I fully intend to support if we don't do the other and I think everybody else does, too. I think at this point the die is cast. If we don't have an alternative that is acceptable, it goes to 2 percent and so maybe we're arguing in riddles. As I say, 42 people agreed upon bringing this package and voting on it as an alternative before we had to make a decision on the 2 percent. So I support the motion and I certainly think you should too.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers and then Senator Lamb.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I want to get straight here what we're talking about. Senator Warner's motion says to disallow the division of the question on his amendment to the Beutler amendment and the suspension of that rule with reference to the Beutler amendment itself. Is that correct or did he make his apply just to his amendment?

PRESIDENT: Do you want to read the amendment again, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Senator Chambers, I'm sorry. Would you pose your question...