

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Maybe what I'll just do is ask you to read the motion as it's up there.

CLERK: It has been modified, Senator, to read as follows.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

CLERK: To suspend Rule 7, Section 3(e), to permit consideration of the Appropriations Committee amendment to the pending Beutler amendment to LB 722.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Without identifying what the Beutler amendment...is there only one Beutler amendment?

CLERK: The Beutler amendment is presently before the Legislature, Senator, the 2 percent cut.

PRESIDENT: The 2 percent cut.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. So then we're just dealing with his amendment to the Beutler amendment? And the purpose in avoiding a division of the question is to make sure that I, because I doubt that anybody else has that much interest, will try to divide the question and make us deal with these things individually. Senator Warner, that is the purpose, isn't it? To prevent me from moving to divide the question as I have on other occasions and taking these serious items one at a time.

SENATOR WARNER: With all due credit, Senator Chambers, you were not a motivation.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: May I ask what was the motivation then? Do you have a purpose...?

SENATOR WARNER: The motivation was pure and simple of one of a package for either one, either a straight board 2 percent or this. Now another option, that is still it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mmm, hmm.

SENATOR WARNER: The other option would be to suspend the rule that would let this amendment go ahead of Beutler's 2 percent...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, I'm clear now.