

then have before you an amendment that will say take the Appropriations Committee's package of specific cuts and some across the board cuts, and if you vote for that, you will be eliminating the 2 percent across the board cut. That will be a debatable issue if the rules are suspended. If you don't suspend the rules, we'll go back to the 2 percent across the board cut. We will argue that up and down, divided or undivided. We'll have several amendments to discuss individually and then the appropriations package will come on board. I'm going to urge that you vote to suspend the rules so that we can bring to you a debatable issue of the Appropriations Committee's package. You can say, yes, it's a good package or, no, it's not a good package. If you reject that package, you vote it down, we are back on the 2 percent cuts right across the board. You've got those two packages before you. You can reject them or accept either one or neither. The suspension of the rules will allow us to do that in a timely fashion. That is why we're asking for the suspension. I would urge that you go ahead and suspend regardless of which package you're in favor of or neither. I yield the rest of the time to Senator Warner.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Well again, Mr. President, in the interest of fairness, this is the only reason this was the aim of the recess, as I understood it, was to provide another alternative. That's what it is and it seems that since you apply the same restrictions to both alternatives or either alternative, you take it all or none, and if those two choices are not adequate, then obviously we can work the bill one section at a time for whatever time it takes. But it seems to me that either option provides the individual members the two basic choices they wanted and I would hope you would suspend the rule and allow this recommendation from the Appropriations Committee to be addressed, and if you don't like it, all you've got to do is vote no.

PRESIDENT: All right, the motion of Senator Warner is to offer the Appropriations Committee proposal as an amendment to the Beutler amendment of an across the board cut. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no, 30 votes required. Voting on suspension of the rules. A record vote has been requested. You are voting to suspend the rules to proceed to allow the Appropriations Committee recommendations as an