

amendment to the Beutler 2 percent cut. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: (Record vote read as found on page 2502 of the Legislative Journal.) 25 ayes, 22 nays on the suspension, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion to suspend fails.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have on the bill is the Appropriations Committee amendment. Or the next amendment I have to the Beutler amendment is the Appropriations Committee amendment. (Amendment appears on pages 2502-05 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: State your point.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is this the amendment that would strike the 2 percent increase?

CLERK: It strikes the 2 percent.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Then I would argue, Mr. President, that it's certainly not germane to the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Ready to rule on the point of order raised. The question of germaneness of the Warner proposal to substitute the committee package for the Beutler amendment, and the Chair rules that it is not germane and that leads us back now to the position of having before us the Beutler 2 percent cut proposal. And now we have another amendment to that Beutler proposal. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, could I inquire of the Clerk, is the committee amendment filed in the order behind every...?

CLERK: Pursuant to your directions, Senator, I assume that's what you'd want to do.

SENATOR WARNER: Right.