

CLERK: It will be the next...

SENATOR WARNER: Whatever follows in its proper place.

CLERK: Okay.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion to amend the Beutler amendment from Senator Vickers and Senator Schmit. I have an amendment to the Beutler amendment from Senator Vickers and Senator Schmit. (Amendment appears on page 2505 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Very well. Senator Vickers, do you wish to open on your amendment?

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, the amendment that we're offering is being distributed to you right now and it's one that I have thought a great deal about since we recessed or adjourned a week ago and since I had an opportunity to sit in the room and watch the Appropriations Committee work. It occurred to me that there certainly is a difference in philosophy as to how we appropriate funds to the various agencies and institutions of state government. Watching the Appropriations Committee at work impressed upon me their dedication and their zeal in attempting to determine where each dollar is being expended and each program that is being offered by the various institutions of government and that's fine except it seems to me, at least from my philosophy, that when you have managers, when you have directors of agencies you have institutions with management people that are being paid the wages, that a lot of our directors are being paid, they are being paid to manage the operations of that agency. And a policy making body such as ours it seems to me should make the broad policy decisions, make the determinations as to which programs are important, make some general guidelines as far as how many dollars we think should go to each program, but when we get into a situation of reducing the expenditures which is what we're talking about right now with the 2 percent cut, it seems to me we need to give some discretion, a little more discretion to those agency heads than we do by taking 2 percent out of each particular program within their jurisdiction. We all, I think, have