

levels, at the directors levels of these various agencies that know where the cuts can be made a lot better than we do when it applies to this 2 percent. I'd like to give them the discretion to do it. I know one thing, I don't think a business would be run the way that we're about to run it. I don't think the directors of a corporation would themselves decide that if there had to be some cuts made they're going to be of a nature like this, a 2 percent cut, that it had to be at this particular level or that particular level within that corporation. Instead I think that's what they hire management for. I would suggest that's what Lee Iacocca gets paid all that money for. There would be no need in paying our state agency directors or institution directors, whether it be University or state college or anywhere else, the kind of money that they're getting paid if we don't think they're managers. So if my philosophy is that we say to them as a manager here, here's the cut you're going to take within your whole operation, now under the guidelines we've already given you in the budget bill you figure out where those cuts should be made. That's what this amendment is intended to do and I ask for the adoption of it. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Vickers. Now on the discussion of the Vickers amendment the Chair is going to ask your indulgence, to turn off your lights because at least half or more of the Legislature's lights are on up here. There is no way that I can proceed without inquiring of each of you. The people who wish to speak on the Vickers amendment please leave your lights on. The other other people can turn their lights off and you will be recognized on each motion as it comes up. It's not doing much good. Okay. Senator Carsten. Senator Carsten, we're discussing the Vickers amendment now of agency...all right. Senator Beutler. Senator Wesely. And, Senator Vickers, you've presented yours. Senator Labeledz, do you wish to speak on the Vickers motion allowing agency determination of the 2 percent cut?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes. I spoke to a couple of the agency directors and some of those that supervised the programs. They were concerned about the 2 percent straight across the board cut for every program because they would prefer to be able to take the 2 percent cut and they themselves determine whether or not a particular program would be cut 5 percent, 10 percent or eliminated because of the 2 percent cut. So I