

find out...it says page 2458, this amendment, the first Vickers, Beutler-Vickers amendment on page 2458, so if you turn to page 2458 you'll see what the amendment is about. So Agency 13 is which one?

SENATOR VICKERS: It's the Department of Education.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Department of Education, all right, so you're excluding them. Is that correct?

SENATOR VICKERS: No, Senator Haberman, the amendment that I am offering is an amendment to that amendment. That amendment that you're looking at on 2458 has already been adopted, those exclusions. That's one program within that department. The amendment that I am offering you should have a copy of on your desk.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Okay, now what I'm trying to find out is just exactly what does it do? Because from your explanation, I'm sorry, maybe I didn't understand. What does your amendment, this new amendment, just exactly what does it do, Senator Vickers?

SENATOR VICKERS: What it does, Senator Haberman, is it makes the 2 percent apply to the agency total and using the Department of Education as an example, it applies that 2 percent to the total number of dollars that the Department of Education gets rather than applying a 2 percent at each program level within the Department of Education. So it gives the department the authority to make the 2 percent reductions across the total operating...

PRESIDENT: I think I understand the Vickers amendment now. Sorry.

SENATOR HABERMAN: That's every agency. Right?

SENATOR VICKERS: Pardon me?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Is that every agency?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, it would be every agency that the 2 percent reduction applies to.

SENATOR HABERMAN: And the 2 percent reduction applies to the amount that's in this book? Or does it apply to the