

I would oppose a simple across the board appropriation such as this and this particular one because I'm not sure that you can do what Senator Vickers is proposing and end up with a valid appropriation.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Warner. The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers and then Senator DeCamp and then Senator Hoagland. Very well. Senator DeCamp, the Vickers amendment.

SENATOR DECAMP: Do you want to call the question? I'll call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. I'll put the question to you. On the Vickers amendment the question is, shall the debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. The question is, shall the debate cease on the Vickers amendment? Vickers-Wesely amendment, is it? Vickers-Schmit amendment. Please record your vote if you wish to vote on the question of shall the debate cease on the amendment that has been under discussion. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The debate is closed and, Senator Vickers, you may use your closing time, Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, as I indicated early on this is a difference in philosophy about the way that government ought to be run I suspect. I think it's a difference in philosophy about how much authority or how much we expect the managers of our various agencies and entities should have as far as the operation of their day to day operation of their businesses, of their operation. Senator Warner indicated that there is some questions as to whether or not this can be done. I don't know whether that is true or not. All I know is that the committee, early on in their deliberations, asked the various agencies to provide their...build their original budget based on 95 percent of their total operational costs. Obviously they then broke it down by program. Really all I am suggesting is that that 95 percent should have been 93 percent. It seems to me that for us to go in and say we're going to take 2 percent out of every program, and we don't really know the