

you wish to speak on the Chambers amendment?

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President I guess I, I need a Page, I think I'm going to probably oppose the amendment, despite the fact that I can argue this one or any other one on its merits, whether it be the Commission on the Status of Women, a thousand. However, I contend, and I insist and believe that a very open agreement was reached on the floor of this Legislature, last week, and that very public agreement involved the Appropriations Committee coming ahead of everything else, presenting us a package of cuts that would be voted on as an alternative to across the board cuts. I'm handing out some of the floor debate from that particular debate. I'm only handing out two pages of it because it is Senator Beutler's discussions and I would like to read you some of it. Senator Beutler made it abundantly clear that he was doing the following, if you will read, starting on the bottom of page 8R, Senator Beutler said, "But at the same time, I think that the members of the Appropriations Committee realized that they are calling upon the proponents of the 2 percent cut to voluntarily give up what has now become a tactical advantage that by virtue of allowing the Appropriations Committee to do this work, we are allowing the lobbyists and all of the others, but I guess that is the price that we will just have to pay." In other words, I agree to do that. I don't see how you can read that anyway else. Because, yeah, times have changed as Senator Landis says, Senator Warner believed from the beginning that the appropriate process, the most sensible and intelligent process was for the Appropriations Committee to make recommendations to us as to that second set of cuts. Last week they voluntarily gave up their position and agreed, but let me read you more if you doubt that it is a package of cuts. "I understand from Senator Warner's earlier comments you can not give us, why is it you can not give us a dollar amount of cuts that you are looking towards in your package, that you will return to the body. It would seem to me that if it is your agreement to come up with a new package, then you ought to be able to represent to the body that \$15 million a \$15 million package will be presented to the body, your best effort at a \$15 million package." Go on to a few more sentences, "But, if you are asking us to go to work for you, we will, and we will present you with a package that is the best shot at no tax increase, if that is what you are saying then you ought to be able to say to us that you will come up with a package, \$15 million package to