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SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature, it has been everybody's desire, and I recognize that desire, to hear what it is that the Appropriations Committee has to offer and to think about that and to vote on it, and what I am offering you now is the Appropriations Committee amendment. It is the Appropriations Committee amendment with one small change and the change is that it does not strike the 2 percent across the board cut. So what is being offered to you is what everybody has been wanting to hear about, and I suggest that we get on with the business of the day and discuss the Appropriations Committee amendment. If you adopt the Appropriations Committee amendment, in whole or in part as it is presented to you now, then you will have whatever amount you adopt as the Appropriations Committee amendment, whether it is 5 million or 10 million or the entire 15 million, and in addition you will have an across the board 2 percent cut. Theoretically, you could have a \$30 million cut if you adopt the entire Appropriations Committee amendment. But what I pledge to you personally and what I know to be the feeling of the people I have been working with is that to the extent that you adopt the Appropriations Committee amendment, the across the board percent that would currently be in the amendment would be taken out. For example, if you adopt \$15 million worth of Appropriations Committee amendments, then the entire 2 percent, I think, stands a very good chance of being eliminated completely. If you adopt half of it, then the 2 percent across the board would be reduced to 1 percent. In other words, I think everybody's total objective, everybody's objective, tell me if I am wrong, everybody's objective by and large has been to get up to that \$15 million figure, to get \$15 million worth of cuts, and this affords you both of what you want. It allows you the opportunity to vote on the Appropriations Committee amendments and it allows you to get to the \$15 million either by the Appropriations Committee amendment or by rejecting it and going a straight 2 percent across the board, or by a combination thereof which would come to pass by reducing the 2 percent across the board proportionately to the extent that you adopt the Appropriations Committee amendment. So that is where we are. And if we can think through this and get to our \$15 million mark through the process of this amendment and then finally hopefully adopting what is called the Beutler amendment now, we might