

have the Appropriations bill...Appropriations Committee bill, 722, in pretty good shape. So I suggest that we just listen to the Appropriations Committee and make a decision on whether that package is a good package and if it is, I, for myself, I, personally, will abide by whatever decision is made, that is if it is the Appropriations Committee amendment that everybody wants to the extent of \$15 million, I prefer that to a tax increase. I certainly prefer that to a tax increase. I am willing to live with whatever the decision of this body is. Again, I think it is the underlying goal for myself and for those that I have been working with to preclude a tax increase. So let's go at that particular job and here is the opportunity to hear the Appropriations Committee package.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner and then Senator Lamb.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, we are partly back I guess where we were to start with. The problem that concerned me then and would still concern me is if you take some of the specific cuts in the Appropriations package and then uniformly go back and do 1 percent to make up...or some percent to make up what was not adopted, you then have...somebody is going to have to make a judgment as to what agencies should be excluded because you are going to be digging into places you don't want to do and maybe we can work our way around that. So since the motion is before us, at an appropriate time if people have discussed the concept, why I will be willing to take up the committee amendments and put them on. But in all honesty, I think you are creating yourself a more difficult position than if we had done what we started out with. But we will try to run it and see what happens.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb and then Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, a question of Senator Beutler, if I may.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler, are you available for questions? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR LAMB: As I understand it, Senator Beutler, you have the whole Appropriations Committee amendment in your