

amendment to your amendment. Is that correct?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right, except that I have deleted the portion that strikes the 2 percent across the board cut.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, that's not...okay, but you have the total Appropriations Committee proposed cuts in your amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR LAMB: Okay, then correct me if I am wrong. We have in that proposal 1 percent across the board reduction in aid to political subdivisions which includes...the biggest one there is state aid to education. We have 1 percent reduction in the Appropriations Committee proposal. We have a 2 percent reduction in that in your original amendment and we have the 1 percent reduction from last week which was the first reduction by the Appropriations Committee. So as I count it, and I think this is correct, I have checked it with a lot of people, we have then a total of 4 percent across the board cuts for these various agencies, state aid to schools is the big one, special education is a \$48 million ticket. So for these special, certain subdivisions, there is a 4 percent across the board cut if you go with the Beutler amendment to the Beutler amendment. Now they will probably say, well, after we get it all adopted, then we are going to take some of it off. Now I don't know what is going to be taken off and I don't think anybody in this body knows what is going to be taken off. I think the logical approach, if we are going to do this, is just make the cuts that we are sincere about and don't make a lot of cuts that we are not sincere about with the rhetoric that we are going to come back later and fix that up, take those cuts out. Let's just do this in a logical manner. Let's give this body a chance to vote on the Appropriations Committee proposal by itself as was originally proposed...they worked three days on it, without cluttering it up with the Beutler 2 percent because you are doubling up, you are doubling up on those. You are going to have a 4 percent reduction in state aid to schools, in special ed, in homestead...well, no, not that, school lunch, all those in this list that Senator Warner passed out this morning. I don't think that is the way to go. I don't think we build a budget by going in that direction. We take out those items which we think should be taken out, but this