

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler, I understand you want to withdraw your pending amendments, Senator?

SPEAKER NICHOL: It is withdrawn.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Clerk, that's right, I do want to withdraw it. The Appropriations Committee would rather approach it in a different form technically which is all right with me and we have a motion up shortly that we'll get to and try to deal with it in a bit of a different manner.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I then have is a motion by Senator Beutler to suspend Rule 7, Section 3, to permit consideration of the Beutler amendment to the Beutler amendment without allowing for a division of the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I think we've finally got this to a form where everyone feels comfortable that they are getting their piece of the action voted on in the way that they want it voted on. Now, basically, what we're doing here is moving to suspend the rules so that we can do this, so we can do this; we can vote on the Appropriations Committee package as a package indivisible. It is exactly as the Appropriations Committee proposes it to you except they have accepted the compromise that 1 percent, 1 percent across the board will be left in the amendment. So that if you adopt the Appropriations Committee amendment, for example, you will have then, in the end, what you will have is \$15 million in Appropriations Committee cuts and in addition, 1 percent across the board which represents about \$7 million. And once again, I think it would be the intention of most people, and I can't speak for everybody, but it would be my intention to reduce or eliminate that 1 percent across the board if, in fact, the Appropriations Committee package is adopted. If the Appropriations Committee package, which is indivisible, is rejected, then you are back to the unamended form of my amendment or to the 2 percent across the board cut. So I think it's a fair compromise in terms of the procedure for getting this up from my point of view. I think it has been acceptable to Senator Warner and Senator Hannibal, I don't