

know, I hope to the whole Appropriations Committee because it does bring before you, right now, the Appropriations Committee package, all or nothing, in indivisible form. That's what I would move that you suspend the rules to allow.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Labeledz, did you wish to speak to the suspension of the rules? I think you were gone. Senator Beutler withdrew his motion.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes, I will.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay.

SENATOR LABEDZ: I was over there. I was listening.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right.

SENATOR LABEDZ: But I do want to get it straight. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The way I understand it now, Senator Beutler, what we need now is 30 votes to suspend the rules and take up your amendment which is a 1 percent across the board plus the Appropriations Committee budget cut and then after that vote, we can go with our specific personal amendments that will put back something in there. Why didn't we leave it at 2 percent, because at that point we have a chance of getting something back in, but with 1 percent we don't have much of a chance.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Labeledz, it leaves a \$7 million insurance there and that is...I would rather have the 2 percent personally myself, but everything in this body is a matter of compromise, as you know, and I feel that the body does want to talk about the Appropriations Committee amendment right away and I want to try to accommodate the Legislature in that regard. I agree with you, that I'd rather have it the other way, but this is not a perfect world.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Okay. If we go with the package which is the 1 percent plus the budget cuts, then we still have the opportunity to come in and add back in some of the cuts that we think are necessary to be put back in and at that point, if we have to go to 2, we can still go to 2. Right?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Certainly, most certainly. You're going to