

have every opportunity after that to make your individual moves to change the result in whatever way you see fit.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABBOUD: (No response.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: (No response.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: (No response.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do support this amendment. I support the Appropriations Committee cuts and I also support the across the board cuts. When you talk about butcher blocks cuts I wish you would remember that the across the board cuts are not nearly as severe as those programs that were cut 100 percent or 50 percent or 40 percent. If you talk about butcher block cuts, that's what I consider a complete elimination. But I am willing to go along with that. There are some programs and agencies and commissions that I don't like being cut in the Appropriations Committee amendment, but I am going to support these and it's going to hurt and it's going to hurt all of us and some more than others. And I hope that both of these, this amendment is adopted, the committee amendments are adopted and the across the board is adopted with some adjustments coming afterward, I would suspect, and that can be done if we do adopt this. And I want to commend the committee. I hope that none of you take it personally that there was this kind of reluctance to go just with the Appropriations Committee recommendation. We know you were forced into it and you didn't like to do it and it was a tough job, but you did it, and I'm planning to support you in that even though there is particularly one that I feel very bad about. But I didn't think your amendment was enough and that's why I continue to support across the board and that's why I will support this motion of Senator Beutler and hope that the rest of you will.