

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator Vickers. (Gavel.) Fellows over here on the north side, would you hold it down a little. (Gavel.) Thank you. Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to remind you to consider how many amendments in all the debate and the amendments that have been offered to 722 have been successful that we're attempting to put any funds into the budget. I don't think any of them have been. So if you've got any of those areas that you're concerned about, if you have any of those commissions that you're concerned about, if you have any of those cuts that you're concerned about or any of the mechanisms, and quite frankly, one of the mechanisms I'm the most concerned about is the fact that we're going to borrow that \$5 million and pay it back again. If you're going to take it from that fund, that reserve fund, that's one thing. If you want to make the decision that the 30 million is enough, that's one thing, but to borrow from it and have to pay it back, I think is simply causing us a bigger problem next year, a problem that I believe this body is going to have a much more difficult time with dealing when that point in time comes. So I, for one, do not want to make it so that it is not divisible and, therefore, have to accept the whole thing and then put the shoe on the other foot to get the 25 votes to put those back in. I oppose this motion to suspend the rules.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers, please, then Senator Schmit.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I was told they are busy over here, therefore, I might not be able to get my microphone.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Do you have too much company?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schmit and I are so much in harmony, Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, that we probably could both talk at the same time and get the same point across, however, we do diverge on occasion and this might be one of them. I want to know again for clarification just what we're dealing with. This is a motion by Senator Beutler to take the Appropriations' proposition and offer it and I'm lost after that. The Beutler amendment has been added to 722. Is that correct?

SPEAKER NICHOL: No, I understand not.