

five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Beutler, would you like to close, please?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, we have to get off dead center here and we've tried and worked together on a number of compromises to try to get the Appropriations Committee amendment up before you and this is your opportunity to have it up before you. We had it up a little bit ago and there was not satisfaction because it was divisible. Now it's back before you again, if you adopt this motion to suspend the rules, in indivisible form which I understand to be the form that the Appropriations Committee prefers. Now the first time around on their ten million dollars of cuts it wasn't in indivisible form, as you may recall. We did divide it and we did talk about it in parts, but this time they want it in indivisible form. All right, we'll have it in indivisible form. And the other part of the compromise is, we keep 1 percent of the 2 percent on. Now I would say that that is pretty fair. If you don't want it in indivisible form, then you can vote this down or I'll put the amendment back up to have it in divisible form, but let's get the Appropriations Committee amendment discussed. That's what we've all been waiting for and that's what we've been trying to get to. That's what we've been trying to get to and still preserve the attitude that, by golly, when all is said and done, we're going to have \$15 million in reductions so that we don't have a tax increase. So here is the opportunity to get the Appropriations Committee package up before you in indivisible form and that doesn't mean that you can't further amend the Beutler amendment to add back in things that you think should be added back in, in the event that the Appropriations Committee amendment is adopted. You well have that opportunity. You well have that opportunity. As soon as the discussion on the package is over, then the other amendments will be entertained that may or may not be appropriate from your personal point of view and you will have every right to present your own amendments. But let's, today, finally get to the Appropriations Committee package. I would ask you to suspend the rules for that purpose.