

the blind, the handicapped, places where you have direct services to particular groups of individuals that for whatever reason this state has decided that we have an obligation to protect, take care of in one form or another. So I am opposing the amendment, but I will take it a step further and just discuss the general picture now that it's four fifty-one and we haven't...I'm sure we've accomplished a lot in terms of discussion, but Senator Beutler said we've got to get off dead center and that was why they offered that last proposal. I would submit the way to get off dead center, the way to get off dead center would have been to live up to the agreement that was made one week ago in blood and in everything else on this floor which was to let the Appropriations Committee come in here, present a package and decide whether we wanted it and let that go ahead of the 2 percent or anything else. It occurs to me that had we lived up to that agreement, we'd know what direction we were going now. Either it would have been adopted and we'd be working on amendments to change it, or it wouldn't have been adopted and we'd probably have the 2 percent across the board done, but we're at dead center because people who demanded, insisted and forced Senator Warner and others to commit on this floor to do certain things, simply have not allowed them now, today, when they came back after seven days of work, have not allowed them to live up to the agreement they extracted from them. So that's why we're here and I don't know how much longer it will go, but I would suggest the ideal solution would be for Senator Johnson or Senator Abboud or whoever, didn't want to suspend the rules before, to at least do something in cooperation with the balance of the body to force a vote on the Appropriations Committee package. That was what was agreed to. I keep repeating it and I know I'm getting boring to you on this, but I am talking about an agreement. That was what was agreed to last week. At least let us vote on it. It may be the dumbest package in the world and you can argue on it and you can debate it and discuss it. You can say the Status of Women shouldn't be affected, but at least that was the understanding when we walked out of here, we'd vote on it. And I think at some point you will not get off dead center until you get into position to live up to the original agreement which was to vote on that package. Otherwise, I think and I will say this, and I know this is going to shock you, I think it is time for us to face up to the fact that, hey, maybe some people weren't so serious about cutting as they said. Maybe it's all a bluff and