

then Senator Warner. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker...

SPEAKER NICHOL: No, we did not call the question. Yes, we are going to continue with debate. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, very reluctantly I am going to support the motion and I'm going to support it even though I'd prefer a 2 percent across the board cut to what the Appropriations Committee is recommending. I'm going to do it, not because I am weak of mind or not because I am weak of spirit, not because I am weak of body, but because I am short two votes. The fact of the matter is there are three people here, maybe four, who will not vote for a 2 percent across the board cut until they've heard what the Appropriations Committee has to say and get a chance to vote on it, up or down. There is nothing I can do about that. The only way we are going to get out of this is to go back and do it up or down. We fought as hard as we could and if this is the way it has to be, this is the way it has to be.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, then Senator Chambers.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. I will oppose the effort to...we are right now on suspension of the rules. I'm going to hold to my position that individually these items need to be discussed and not adopted in total. It seems to me we adopted a rule that says we only have one subject per bill. That is because we didn't want to mix and match different subject matters. What we are talking about with this across the board package from the Appropriations Committee is just as important as an individual bill, or probably even more important. We are talking about the life of certain commissions and programs. It seems, if we are going to get into that sort of thing, we ought to take the time to do it right. It seems to me that that means individually deciding the merits of these matters and not taking them all up in one fell swoop. I also want to point out to you I have passed out a summary sheet of what a 1 percent increase in income tax would really mean to the individuals in this state. If you take a look at that chart you will see that we've been spending a week arguing, bleeding, fighting and doing everything else we can down here to come up with a cut in the budget and not being able to successfully achieve it,