

SPEAKER NICHOL: The rules are suspended.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment before the Legislature is that offered by Senator Chambers. Senator, this is your amendment that would strike all agency and program exemptions listed in the Beutler amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, if you are going to consider taking the Appropriations Committee proposition as one item, which you are going to do by virtue of having suspended the rules, you ought to start with a cleaner slate than what we have now. This motion that I am offering, which contains an amendment to the Beutler amendment, would take this list of agencies and programs that he exempted out from under the cut and make them subject to the cut. Then, he has offered you a pure across the board cut, period. You then have the two propositions looking at you in as pure a form as they can be gotten together apparently. It was unnecessary based on the way the Beutler amendment was adopted earlier to justify any of these cuts. I meant these exemptions from the cut. There was anxiety and a desire to adopt his amendments so that was done. So now what I am saying, especially in view of what you are going to do with the appropriations proposition and offer no chance to amend, before voting it up or down, let the two items be unsullied and as uncomplicated as possible. Who can say what Agency 13, Program 402 is just by looking at this piece of paper? Who can say what Agency 89, Program 538 is, just by looking at the piece of paper? One of these is the slush fund for the, whatever the general or whatever he is who runs the national guard. You didn't know that, did you? Which one is it? Senator Landis says 588 and there is no 588 on here, so which one is it? Who knows and who even cares? Nobody knows and nobody cares because we are not talking about these individual programs now, we are talking about a power struggle and at last the two titans will bump heads on the field of battle. The 2 percent across the "boarders" and the "appropriation committee-ers" and the rest of us will just have to sit out here and wait until they tell us which way to vote. But without the rest of us they can't do anything. Senator Hefner, he is not on the Appropriations Committee, because he is the one who sent that video bill out to us. He is not with the Beutlerites, I don't think.