

board cut than selective cuts such as this. As I said before, an across the board cut is like dropping a bomb. You don't really see the devastation but it occurs. But this is devastation you see up front. It is walking up to somebody and shooting them and knowing who you are looking in the eyes as you pull that trigger and that is exactly what the Appropriations Committee is laying before you. It is a little more painful, I guess, but it is also much more clearly, clear in our own minds what we are doing and I think that is important so that we know exactly what we are doing and I think the Appropriations Committee ought to be commended. I do plan to come back in on a number of items just to forewarn you. I think that the cuts in the Legislative Council worry me greatly that we would reduce all of us to the same level in terms of our staff support when some are more active than others and I think that can be argued at a later date. The item dealing with public education in the health programs, I also object to. That cut goes for services that deal with services in communities to help prevent health problems for parents and what have you and it seems to me that that is a cost item that will over a long term hurt us as well as the unborn program which I think the compromise that has been proposed is adequate. A further full cut in that is not justified. The three commissions that would be eliminated, I think, ought to be considered separately and decided on their own merits versus cutting them altogether and the Sheldon Art Gallery cut, I have talked with the Director of the Sheldon Art Gallery and essentially they will shut down the Gallery come the middle of summer if this cut goes through. They won't have the staff...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...to adequately keep it open and keep their insurance. We will have more information on each of those, but nevertheless, in the end, individual cuts like that hurt me specifically and I will try and come back in and add them back in. But, I would urge all of you to use this as the base for which we discuss budget cuts versus the budget cuts across the board. We see what we are dealing with. We can argue these individually, we can make our cases, but I would rather do this than to have the across the board cut which is much more onerous because we don't see what we are doing and we can't argue it, we can't really debate it as we can these. So I would ask your support for