

then the speaking order is Senator DeCamp, Harris and Lamb.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I find that this whole budget process is a process where I have to continuously gulp. We are all having to do things that we feel very uneasy about. Yesterday it was the wisdom of this body to adopt the Appropriations Committee package, that is, it was all adopted except the reserve provision, the \$5 million, the one-third of the package that had to be dealt with on 501 and, consequently, we have 501 before us right now to see that if it is the will of this body to continue to support the entire package. Since the body has adopted the main body of the package, for myself I am going to vote to support 501, this amendment to 501. It is not my favorite provision. I am sorry that the Appropriations Committee abandoned the philosophy of not looking to deferment for a solution because this is a major deferment the way it is structured right now, but a deferment again is better than a tax increase. We are going...the proposal is going to come under extreme attack today. It will be interesting to see how many of the particular cuts are rolled back. If very many of them are rolled back, we are going to be back to the position of an across the board cut of some type to supplement the Appropriations Committee recommendation. But in good faith, I am going to vote now for the remaining \$5 million in the Appropriations Committee recommendation, get that on the record, get that into our process, onto 501, and then we can go on from there. At least at that point in time if we get this adopted, one way or another we will have gotten to the \$15 million that the Appropriations Committee set out to accomplish and I think that is important.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp. May we have order in the Chamber, please? (Gavel.) Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, not only do I support the proposal as presented but I would like to retrace with you and for my good friend Senator Morehead's benefit a little bit of the history of that particular fund because I had forgotten about it so I spent some time doing some research on it and, Senator Morehead, I had forgotten that fund was created by you and me and the system set up by you and me a couple of years ago, and I would like to point out that the original amount that the fund was set at was \$35 million, exactly as you stated. However, an amendment was offered by