

it. If it is not adopted, I will probably then go ahead with the DeCamp proposal and say, let's go ahead and suspend the rules and get on with the process. But out of courtesy to Senator Beutler and some other senators who would like a straight up or down shot on their proposal, let's go ahead and allow him to do that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rod Johnson. Oh, excuse me, Senator Harris, Rod. Senator Harris, then Rod Johnson.

SENATOR HARRIS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, you know, I think this body is confused as to what is going on in our economy. Mr. Speaker, could you pound the gavel just a little bit.

PRESIDENT: Having a little trouble back there, are you? (Gavel.)

SENATOR HARRIS: I think we are confused as to what is going on in our economy. You think maybe this is the last chance we will ever have to do some cutting. You think that we are going to do the things that are necessary to be done with a few votes that we are taking here to last us through the next couple of years. Well, I have news for you. It is just beginning. The reports out on the national economy show that there is a weak growth that is unprecedented until you go back to 1981 when we were in a recession and a lot of you remember we had our receipts fall apart and we had special sessions. We had problems. We had interfund transfers and we had problems politically. Now I want to tell you that these times are coming back. They just reported that weak economic growth in the first quarter caused nonfarm productivity. Now this is nonfarm. This doesn't even count what is going on in the farm area. Nonfarm productivity dropped a revised 2.5 percent annual rate. Now we are looking for at least a 4 percent increase at one time in the State of Nebraska, projected revenues over the previous year. We have seen the projections fall apart. They are going to fall apart even more. We are going to be back here some time this summer. We are going to be doing some more cutting. We are going to have time to take these things on. We should take our time at the present time to shore up what we have to and to eliminate what we have to. I feel like maybe we are a group that has been given an axe to go out and cut out some dead wood and we find ourselves in the green wood and we enjoy it because