

1 percent? Only 2 would be the top. Is that right?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, Senator Hartnett, it would not affect political subdivisions. This deals only with the state operations portion of the budget. It does not deal with political subdivisions or with individual aid portions of the budget.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Question.

PRESIDENT: There are probably ten or twelve lights still on. Do I see five seconds? I do and I will put the question to you. The question is, shall the debate cease on the Beutler proposal? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. The motion is to cease debate on the proposal of Senator Beutler which has been under discussion. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? Have you all voted on the motion to cease debate? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 12 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The debate closes. Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the budget that we finally come up with and the budget that we hand to our constituents and the budget we hand to our state, is it the Appropriations Committee budget or is it the Legislature's budget? I respect the Appropriations Committee, but it is not the same as word coming from the heavens. The Appropriations Committee is filled with people with their subjective feelings about this program and that program, just as you and I have our subjective feelings about this program and that program. And I suggest to you that the set of amendments that came from the Appropriations Committee reflect those subjective judgments. That is not a criticism of the Appropriations Committee. I, too, appreciate what they did. But when we go out there and answer to our constituents, we answer about our budget, the budget of the 49, not the budget of the 9. And I am tired of this holier than thou feeling about