

square yesterday or the day before on this. We took it out, we took it out of the appropriation bill and I think it is only right that we do not bring this bill back. The other day I was one of those senators that signed a letter saying that we wanted the Appropriations Committee to go back with a committee meeting and try to cut at least 10 million dollars from the budget. They did this. They worked long and hard. They came up, they came up with a 15 million dollar, just about a 16 million dollar cut, and now we are trying to pick it apart again. It is late on Friday afternoon and many of us have priority bills on the agenda and now we are back to 722. Colleagues, I just don't think it is fair to some of the rest of us. Therefore, I would urge you to oppose bringing this bill back again.

PRESIDENT: Senator Harris, we are on the Chizek motion.

SENATOR HARRIS: Yes, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, we have spoken about this meeting that was held right over here yesterday and I just want everybody to know what my understanding was. Maybe I'm not speaking from everyone that was a part of the so-called coalition, but I will speak for myself that I raised the point that when we are talking about moving ahead without any more amendments and to speed up the process I pointed out that I had still not gotten to make my motion or a motion that was standing there with Chris Beutler's signature on it, that allowed us to do a two percent across the board. I made that point and my agreement was that I would not participate in any more motions or amendments but it did not mean that I had to vote for the package, it does not mean that I give up my vote on individual amendments that anyone else brings forward. Each person I'm sure has their own understanding of what took place at that meeting. I am not going to give up my vote as a representative of the 27th District just because I agreed to not continue to amend 722. That is my understanding. I still plan to vote on the various amendments that are put forward. I will not participate in any motions. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chizek, do you wish to speak again at this time? Very well, you'll have the chance to close. Senator Lynch and then Senator Haberman again, if he wishes.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Mr. President and members, I'm really sorry that we have to discuss this. We didn't have a chance to