

the budget crunches we have gone through, and when you get into cutting here, cutting there, cutting somewhere else, that is the sort of thing that leads to these people being asked, okay, are we supposed to cut probation officers, service officers? What are we supposed to do when we get a budget cut? Well, I will tell you that this is just a case or a sign of the times, the confusion that was raised over this particular issue. Now, the decision was made at the top level. It wasn't made by the probation officers. It wasn't made by the kids out here in society that they have to take care of. It was made at the top level up here, on the state level too, not the county levels. It was made where we are going to punish, so to speak, punish the youngsters and the probation officers that do the actual work by virtue of the mistake that was made at the higher level. This, however, I tell you, and, quite openly and quite freely, this is not the first time this sort of a thing has happened. It happens every once in a while when you start taking a special session and cutting budgets that you originally said, okay, you are going to have a \$100 to work with but then later on in the year we come back and we say, oh, oh, wait a minute, you only have \$95 to work with, then come on later on in the year, wait a minute, you are only going to have \$90 to work with. The second year down the road we say, okay, we are going to cut you back to 85. It is just that kind of a thing that breeds chaos in the actual management of any state agency and this sort of thing is the sort of thing we are going to continue to bump into when we have these economic hard times.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Let's don't try to condemn somebody, and I am saying, let's don't even condemn Keller because he was faced with a horrible situation. He did the best thing he could have done with it. I would have done it different, I grant you. I think he should have, but he didn't. But he was caught in a situation where he had to make a decision. He went to his advisory committee. They helped him make the decision. He is now faced with a horrible dilemma. Let's not be vindictive. Let's go ahead and adopt the Beutler amendment and correct the situation and go on from there.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, Mr. President, and members of the