

duplicated, they are prepared, what agencies have identified as possible things that they will do to meet the reduction in their appropriations. And as I indicated earlier, some of these are specifically identified in the blue handout. Some of them we did not specifically identify, but left the flexibility to the agency to make that determination. So with that explanation, I would move the adoption of the committee amendment relative to Agency 03 which is the Legislative Council and I will explain what we did here. In the case of the Legislative Council, the Governor's appropriation recommendation was essentially a 3 percent cut for those services other than the salaries of constitutional officers which in this case would be the Legislature and the equivalent reduction that that would require. There was a proposal made from Senator Beutler, and I understand he will make another one this morning, but the broad assumption that the committee made, majority, was that vertical cuts were better where they could be made. So in the case of in the moving of the adoption of the committee amendment, the vertical cut you're speaking to will be the Ombudsman's Office which would be proposed not to be continued and by the elimination of that activity, making smaller cuts on the other legislative services. I think it was in the discussion of the committee that while that is an important function, it was felt that perhaps with the committee staff and the individual legislative staff, some of those activities could be covered, not that it was unimportant, but perhaps it was better to keep as much money as possible for the other programs within the Legislative Council.

SENATOR LAMB PRESIDING

SENATOR LAMB: We have an amendment to the committee amendments.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the committee amendments as they relate to Section 1, Legislative Council. The purpose of Senator Beutler's amendment to the committee amendments would be to change the 3 percent reduction of \$210,184 to Agency 3, Legislative Council, by giving credit for the total cost of two unbudgeted special sessions in the amount of \$171,969.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature,