

right now, my concern is that we have an orderly process. In order to do that, I would have to withdraw the current amendment. I cannot withdraw because it has been amended, prior motion I cannot withdraw because it has been amended. So I assume you would have to vote on that one. Then I would have to move adoption of the balance of the committee amendment in total, and then any amendment can be worked with. And that option I chose not to do initially because I thought the body would rather deal with each agency one at a time and know what was in it and make adjustments accordingly. That is the reason for my raising the issue, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator DeCamp, do you have some comments?

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I am not in disagreement with Senator Warner. In fact, I may be one of the few that might be totally in agreement with the goals, problems, and aspirations, and desires of I think of the Appropriations Committee. What I am trying to do with this amendment is offer an alternative concept, one that deals completely across the board with state government, local government, as opposed to the concentration on state government. So the method Senator Warner suggested for dealing with it I think is appropriate, that is offer the concept of the package of Appropriations Committee amendments as opposed to "this other concept of targeting a big portion of the cuts to all of government" and I would certainly cooperate in any way. All I want to do is make sure that we don't do exactly what Senator Warner warned against and that is get so bogged down with little pieces that we fail to deal with the overall picture, and my proposal is to deal with the picture in terms of the whole state and all government spending in some proportionate ratio as opposed to I think what the Appropriations Committee thought was their orders, almost, the orders and direction which was more targeted individual state agencies and things. So if Senator Warner wants to suggest going directly with the amendments as a package, I would support going with that and offer this alternative after that or whatever way he wants to do it, and I want to make clear that the last thing that I have in mind is to get in any tangle with the Appropriations Committee. I just really want to see us deal with the whole picture before we stifle ourselves in the next couple of years to where state government has destroyed itself in our obsession to not look at the others.