

wrong signal. We keep sending them the signal, handle a 3 billion or 4 billion spending problem of the state by only dealing with a small portion of the sales and income tax dollars and an \$800 million budget. And they are saying if you want to do it that way, the way you have been ordering us to do it, here is where you cut. You eliminate Ombudsman, you eliminate this, you wipe out that. Those are the facts. So all this amendment says really is, hey, I believe you and I am willing to say that the past program of constantly feeding, constantly feeding local government with no control at the expense of all our state government has to be brought to an end. This is the way to do it. Make basically a pro rata or a proportional cut in all government spending and if your state portion of a thing you have no control of over there is 20 percent and you want to get them cut 1 percent overall just like let's say the University or state government, then to implement that and make that feed down the line you have to put a 5 percent out of that 20 percent to end up with the 1 percent across-the-board, a real effective 1 percent. That is what the amendment does. It says, okay, we have changed direction, we are facing up to fact, we lost control over the matter of local spending, now we are going to bring it under control to the degree that we can. And we say right in the amendment, go out there local officials and start cutting, start doing what is necessary. Now, Senator Johnson, I hope has the information that was compiled I think by Senator Carsten's committee a couple years ago that is going to show just what the increases over the years have been in local spending, schools, county, cities. Somebody said to me, well, you are going to be lynched in your district, DeCamp. I doubt it. Well, I may be lynched for other reasons but I doubt I would be lynched for finally saying we are going to deal with local spending because that is where the money is being spent. So that is what I think the people really want. I would suggest this. If we don't do this then you are going to have no alternative, no alternative but major tax increases and continued no control over the 3 or 4 billion of state spending...

SENATOR MARSH: One minute.

SENATOR DECAMP: ...or a massacre of state government that only begins this year and progresses. And I repeat, it is the old story. If you have got a \$2,000 household income but you are trying to make all your adjustments just on your