

guarantee you, I guarantee you this might well be the golden ring that you have been looking for, the one that gets control and gets you back being the state government Appropriations Committee rather than simply, rather than simply the victim of uncontrolled spending by other parties over which you have no control but which you are forced to feed. I ask you to support the amendment. I realize that it is different than your original plan. But that doesn't repudiate your plan, it may only complement it if we go ahead with additional cuts if you choose. But at least deal with the total picture...

SENATOR MARSH: Time is up, Senator.

SENATOR DECAMP: ...the total picture being 3 to 4 billion of state spending, not just a four or \$500 million state budget dealing with state issues.

SENATOR MARSH: We are now ready and will vote on the adoption of the amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Could you indicate the number of senators who are excused?

SENATOR MARSH: There are eleven members excused.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Are any of those in a committee hearing or something?

SENATOR MARSH: I am unaware of a committee hearing.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: You mean there are 38 of us here who are to do the appropriational work while 11 are out on their own larks? Where are the 11? Can we have an accounting? Can we have them brought back?

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Johnson, I am willing. I am serving in the Presiding Officer's chair only.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well, is there...Madam Speaker, I would like to ask this question of you and you may have to direct it to the Clerk, but if we have senators who are not excused, may we not have the patrol bring them back?

SENATOR MARSH: I understand that the 11 are excused, sir.