

SENATOR HIGGINS: I will take out the budget for bowling and going to the movies, things like that. So I am asking you urban Senators to think about it. We see the unemployment in our cities and we see the frustration and we know that times are not going to get better for us because they are not going to get better immediately for the farmers. So if I can help one farmer, keep him from blowing his brains out, or going on a wild rampage because he is totally out of his mind and killing innocent people, and it is going to cost \$50,000, and I don't even know what infinitesimal amount that will amount to per taxpayer, I am going to have to vote for this even though I have pledged to myself that I am going to vote to cut this budget as much as I can but I am not going to cut the throats of the people in this state. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR BARRETT: Senator Nelson, then Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I alluded to this a little bit earlier this morning and I am going to make this very short. I think the terms that a lot of them understand in this body and I, too, am for budget cuts, really for budget cuts, but this particular program, these are farmers that are in real distress. Think of our mental health problems, those centers need additional funding and additional help, and again, if this could be one tool or one management tool that can help, I hope this body can see to save that \$50,000. Think of two or three more farmers on the welfare roll and I can foresee this forestalling that problem. Thanks.

SENATOR BARRETT: Senator Labeledz, then Senator Chambers.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I, too, rise in support of the amendment, but I even go further than that. I haven't voted on one amendment that has been put up on the board so far. I will vote for this one. I won't vote for any reduction in any program that is more than a 3 percent cut. I strongly believe that we should go across the board with a 3 percent cut, and any agency that is going to have to be cut 5.6, if I had my way, we would cut the whole Department of Agriculture only 3 percent, rather than 5.6. I don't understand some of the programs that are being cut. The Appropriations Committee does, but I still think an overall 3 percent cut for the Department of Agriculture is the way we should go and let the Department of