Chamber, please return to the Chamber and record your presence. Ladies and gentlemen, it is entirely fitting and proper that you be here at this time and since we are under call, it is mandatory that you do be here, so please return to the Chamber promptly. Thank you. Please record your presence if you're here. Senator Lowell Johnson. Please return to the Chambers and record your presence. Senator Beutler, would you record your presence, please. We're looking for Senator DeCamp and Senator Lundy. Senator Haberman, we're short Senator DeCamp. Do you wish to start before he returns?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I'd like to thank all the senators for answering the call of the house. This is the last issue, as I understand it, that will pertain, at least today, to the agriculture budget so I would like to call to your attention what we have done so far in the field of agriculture to the budget. We have taken $74,000 out of the agriculture's proportion of the budget and you graciously, this morning, added $50,000. So today we have enhanced the budget by $24,000, but I would like to go just one step further. If you will glance through your blue sheet, you will see that the cuts range 2.9, 1.5, 1.3, 2.89, 3 percent, 4 percent, 2 percent, 3 percent, 3 percent, 5.1, 1.6, .9. The highest one on this list is agriculture, 5.6 percent, the highest one, except for the little railroad lines where it doesn't mean anything. That's...Department of Roads doesn't mean a thing, that $1,900 so what I am asking is this. Let's be fair, cut the budget to 3 percent, let the Department of Agriculture decide where to spend the money. Let them make the decisions where they think it is needed the most, but just again, go through your list. 4.57, 3, 3, 1.55, 3 percent, 5.65, so that's where I am coming from. Why do you take agriculture and give them the biggest cut percentwise than everyone but one entity? And we've already shown this morning that we're not greedy. We're not greedy because we've given you back $24,000. We're trying to be fair and up front so when I ask this body to support my amendment which reduces the agriculture budget's cut to 3 percent, from 5.6 and let them spend the money the way they want to. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Warner, then Senator Labedz.