

blow to them. They give so terribly many hours and they are concerned for us to cut their budget, again, this much deeper. We simply cannot throw these people out on the street. We have simply, if we do that, or if we cut their services, we're adding onto at some other place. I had a number of calls, of course, concerned people on this budget. What I did tell them is, please, do us a favor. If you see anywhere where there is a duplication of services, where we can save or there is waste, do your duty and let us know and we'll try to do our best or I will try to pass that on, but please, take in consideration this group of people.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Labeledz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes, I'm grateful to our press because I was just told by a member of the press that I said something in error and I would like to correct that. Evidently they are more on the ball than I am. But what I should have said, we should reject this amendment and then it will be at the stage where it will be a 1.5 percent cut as originally stated in LB 1. So there is no amendment on the floor to reduce this to 1.5. We just reject the amendment of the Appropriations Committee and then the cut will be at 1.5 percent and I hope, Senator Wesely, I'm correct on that. He's not here.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, he is going to close now and he can cover that.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Okay. I'm sure he will clear it then.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right, Senator Wesely, would you like to close? Oh, Senator Warner is going to close? We're closing on the committee amendment, Senator Warner. Senator Warner, before you start, did you hear Senator Labeledz's question?

SENATOR WARNER: No, I didn't. I'm sorry.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Labeledz, Senator Warner didn't hear your question. Would you state it again so that in his closing he can cover it.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Warner, when I gave my statement I made the error of saying I support the amendment and I'm sure you will tell me that I was wrong in saying that. What