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our own agenda back home and maybe come back in and get serious about what we should be doing in a special session. I don't think we ought to be embarrassed about going home and saying we accomplished nothing by coming down here because I think we did. We accomplished being able to understand maybe a little bit better about what everybody else's agenda is and we have a lot more information than we had before the special session started. But it was, I have to admit, frustrating to try to sit with people who are willing to compromise and those who are absolutely unwilling and I think this body, 49 different people, have to do a better job agreeing on the priorities and agreeing to some solution and right now we're just picking and choosing and going nowhere, hoping day by day, minute by minute and sometimes hour by hour, that something might happen, some kind of leadership might develop that will cause us to do something meaningful. There are two or three people in this body that really have displayed some leadership and tried to get some kind of consensus, but they can't do it by themselves and if you won't cooperate with them, I'm not sure who else you will cooperate with. So I would suggest that we recess until something like that happens, until January 8th.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I agree with what Senator Lynch is proposing. I said the other day and others have said it, and we'll continue to say it as long as we're down here that we're not going anywhere. Senator Warner told me several times when I asked him the question repeatedly, and I know he gets tired of having to go through that, that if all the cuts are made that are being proposed, the problem has not been solved. It has been stated that consideration of raising the income tax is outside the call. That's what I prefer doing, raising the income tax. There are others who would rather put the state into the gambling business by starting a lottery and that has been ruled outside the call. So the main propositions that most people seem to think would have any possibility of dealing with the financial difficulty of the state cannot be considered. If you want to recognize...Senator Beutler, did you want to speak, Senator Lamb?

SENATOR LAMB: Well, I want to raise a point of order,