

SENATOR SCOFIELD: My opinion under the current call is we do not have the tools but I believe we are a pretty smart bunch of folks in here and I believe if we sit down and decide what it is we want to do, that we can figure out a way to get to where we need to be.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But the point is that if we try to stay within the call as issued, revenue generating measures are not available to raise the revenue and if we comply with all of the cuts that the Budget Committee has recommended, we will not solve the problem. So fulfilling our duty simply means to run out the string that the Governor gave us to play with, more or less. And after we have done that, we are still going to have to adjourn without being able to solve the problem. Isn't that about where we are when you said we are stuck?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: I guess maybe I don't want us to think we are stuck because of the comment I just made.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: I believe that we as legislators can, in fact, solve this problem.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: I see some value in doing what we are doing right now, which seems to be really what your concern is. And you are saying, why are we doing all this when we know it won't solve anything?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: I think we have an obligation as legislators to first look at what is a realistic level of cuts. How deeply can we cut? That is what the public really wants. That is what my folks are telling me they want. They say, you guys go in there and you do the best job of cutting you can do before you talk to me about a revenue increase. I believe that this is probably not the only avenue to get there. We have seen some other proposals to also get there. There is...Senator Hefner has got one. The Governor had one that is no different than ours.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't want a review because my time is