

of that, but in addition to tacking that 2.65 we are going to cut into your already 70 percent of your budget by handicapping the way that you can raise that 70 percent of your budget. We are going to target the exact items that help you maintain a 70 percent level on your own. It doesn't make a lot of sense to me. It just doesn't. I mean, I understand that everybody has to suffer during this tight budget time that we are in, but it doesn't make a lot of sense. And you move down to the fourth one, 69,000, almost 70,000 to reduce the maintenance crew staffing. We have people that come to our parks because they are well kept. They rent cabins. They use the facilities and they come back. They spend money which generates cash income for the Game and Parks Commission. Seventy percent of their budget, remember, comes out of those cash incomes that they receive. These four items will directly affect that. If you don't keep your cabins clean, if you don't keep them up, if you don't keep your toilets clean, the people don't come back, you know that. If you don't keep your businesses clean, people don't come back. I think we are making a big mistake in targeting some of these items. I think we are making a big mistake in cutting more than 3 percent in the Game and Parks Commission budget. I would urge the body to reject the Appropriations Committee amendment. Where that will leave us, it will leave us with the Governor's budget recommendation which would be a 3 percent cut and I think they as well as everyone else should have to sustain that cut. A level over and above that to the tune of 5.6 percent, I feel in this case does not make good sense. They are going to come back with this...with an increased budget because the specific budget cuts that have been recommended, in essence, cut their cash portion of their budgets drastically. Thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: (No response.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, since this is a general discussion, I thought I saw Senator Lamb, if he wanted to offer his amendment...oh, he doesn't want to? Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, all amendments have been withdrawn.