

SPEAKER NICHOL PRESIDING

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, please. Did you not wish to speak, Senator DeCamp?

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, as I understand it, this is a cut from 3 percent to 2 percent and that's the only thing being dealt with and it deals only with the University and the state colleges. Is that correct, Senator Warner?

SENATOR WARNER: The amendments the committee has?

SENATOR DECAMP: At this point, yes.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, there is a third one up there that deals with bees, but...

SENATOR DECAMP: Okay, but is the bee in here? Well, I don't care about the bees, whatever.

SENATOR WARNER: These are two separate amendments, both identical conceptually. It is a 2 percent instead of a 3 percent cut.

SENATOR DECAMP: Okay, then is it, and this is important for I think a number of us to get cleared up, is it the position of the committee or the position of people in general that if we vote in favor of reducing this from 3 to 2 that we have somehow made a commitment, thereby, for an income tax increase? What is the attitude or position or whatever of the committee on that? Or is there one? Or is that relevant?

SENATOR WARNER: Senator, again, individual members would have to speak for themselves. We had a motion before us for the 2 percent and urging the adoption of retroactive income tax. It was requested to have the division of the question which was done and the 2 percent was I think seven and one not voting, I'm not sure if it was 8-0. On the issue of the income tax there was a division, at least it seems to me a couple of members did not vote on that particular item, so we recognized that to be a suggestion of the feelings of the majority of the committee, that's all. It would not be fair to say that it is all a package because it's not, but it is fair to say that everything on this sheet, if you want to have some reasonable basis to approach '86-87, is a