

tax base, but what we also need to take a good look at is the role and mission of our educational institutions. Senator DeCamp pointed out that it was great when we had dollars and inflation and we could go on pumping money in. I don't think there is any of us that don't agree that this is an area that needs our support. But in the future and when we come down here next session, we need to take a close look at role and mission for our institutions. It is ridiculous that universities want to have a whole system of universities across the state. It is ridiculous that state colleges want to become universities and community colleges want to become state colleges or universities and somebody needs to help education make the tough decisions as to where their parameters are in this state and then we can give all of those institutions a level of funding that we feel we can afford. We're frustrated, as Senator Hannibal pointed out, because we can't tell the Regents and the universities what to do with their money...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: ...or the Board of Education so we're frustrated with all this. I think that 2 percent is acceptable when all the rest of us are suffering, but that doesn't mean we're treating the community colleges or the subdivisions the same way. I would rather it would be only 1.5 percent, but reality is before us, and I think if we make this decision at this time, then let's come back with a resolve in January to look at the whole education picture because we know those are where our big dollars go as a state and then we can look at our budget and our taxation in a much more enlightened fashion. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, everybody has given basically their interpretation of their meeting with the Governor so I'll give you mine. The Governor said, I gave you a budget, my budget. And he said, now you want to cut part of that budget from 3 percent to 2 percent. How are you going to make up the difference? Where are you going to find the money if you make the cut? And that's the key. If we make the cuts, where are we going to find the money? So maybe we've got the cart before the horse. Sure, there has been some talk about a one-year income tax. It was suggested this morning we start on that