

next year and you have come here and you will have done 34 to \$35 million in actual cutting of state government. Now here is what I intend to do. I would hope to advance the bill, get it passed as quickly as possible, in other words, the 34 million in cuts. Get it over to the Governor. At the same time, I full well realize as follows, that there are enough votes to pass with at least 25 votes an income tax increase. It is my intent to try to get this bill passed, the budget cuts, and to sabotage the increase in income tax through either sine die or some other maneuver, parliamentary or otherwise, and so that the session would be what it was intended to be which is budget cuts. So that is what I am hoping to do, get the budget bill passed, the cuts, and through one method or another prevent the tax increase. Now is that possible? Probably not. I figure the odds are about one in five because there are right at 32 pretty solid votes for the income tax increase. I don't think that is what the people want. I think they want the budget cuts. But if we suspend the rules, get the budget bill over there, we will have locked in pretty effectively the 17 million we have made in cuts. It is my belief that if we don't do it, the situation will deteriorate and what happened yesterday will occur and that is we had 19 plus million in cuts, we are now at 17, it will deteriorate to 16 or 15. They will say there is more need for an income tax increase. Others will say, well, heck, the income tax increase is coming, therefore, we can do my special project and we will see the whole thing fall apart. You have got 17 million there. I suggest you lock it in and put the bill on Final, maybe get the vote then as quickly as possible on it to get it over to the Governor and that is what it would do. If we don't do it, as I say, there is another twelve amendments up there now pending, including one of mine, to go to 1 1/2 percent to the University which I would like to do if I thought it didn't necessitate an income tax increase, but, obviously, what you have got now is a pretty decent situation in cuts and I think you better take them and run. So I ask that we suspend the rules and put the bill over in final form.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, I would suggest that we, as painful as it might be and as difficult as it might be for us to do it, that we reject Senator DeCamp's motion and go through the process of dealing with the budget item by item,