

substantial sums of money in a fairly short and immediate time and that is certainly one thing that, as I say, I have a bill prepared on that and I would hope we'd do that. I think it will make many, many millions. But if you return the bill for this amendment at this point in time, I think you've broken the barrier, you've crossed the line of amendments again. You've also jeopardized passing the bill on Friday and certainly you are not going to pass it today. If you amend that bill with one dollar, one comma, 300,000 or 300 million, it is still going to have to go back through the same process. Remember that entire budget bill is going to go back, have to come back to the Legislature and we start from scratch again on Final Reading. So if for no other reason than the idea of holding the \$17 million intact, which is basically why I am voting against the amendment, if for no other reason than that I think you should leave the bill where it is, or I should say more correctly readvance the bill to Final Reading and not tamper with it. I think it fair to say that if this one happens it is open season on the entire issue of the bill. For example, should the two percent go back to three percent for the University and state colleges? Should we be dealing with four percent if we are really seriously opposed to an income tax? I think those are all, at this point, if this is adopted, I think they are legitimate options and it is an open season on the budget bill again. If you want to preserve the \$17 million, then I would suggest you not adopt the amendment. I know that the next thing that is going to come up is probably a reconsideration of the state aid one. You've got to think that if this happens that that is going to happen. Budget bills are funny little animals. You start pulling on their fur and you get one piece of fur out of them and they lose their fur in a hurry and all kinds of terrible things happen. I suspect if you do this 300,000 you're going to find the next thing is up in the half million category. Then you are back into whether you should have two percent or three percent cuts. I think you pretty well made the decision when you put 30 votes to suspend the rules and put it on Final Reading in this form. We did that the other day,...

SENATOR HANNIBAL: One minute.

SENATOR DECAMP: ...and I would suggest we leave it in the form it is now and maybe get it passed as quickly as possible to the Governor before we jeopardize the whole