

requested, still about \$3 million short of what the Appropriations Committee suggested, but on the other hand, at the time that the Appropriations Committee suggested that, the latest revenue receipts had not shown a two to \$3 million overage. So, basically, I think that we have done what the Appropriations Committee requested, and we have done more than what the Governor requested, even with voting for the Warner motion which is to override the Governor and pass LB 1 notwithstanding. A point that Senator Landis made, which I would like to reemphasize, whether or not you believe in the contraction of state government, we have contracted state government. Not in my adult life, and I think not for the span of my lifetime, has the Legislature cut back the appropriation for one fiscal year to a point that it's been lower than the previous fiscal year. For those of us who were in the Legislature two or three years ago, we had a special session and we made some cuts, and it was lowered temporarily. But then when we added on deficit appropriations the historic result was that we did not actually cut back government spending. But this time, even when you add in the deficit appropriations that will be there, whether they be eight to ten million dollars, we are still going to be several million dollars below what we spent the previous year. So whether we like it, or whether we don't like it we, earlier this week with the \$17 million in cuts, came and passed that cross-roads that Senator DeCamp talked about with regard to contracting government. I suggest to you that even if you believed in contracting government that there is no way you could intelligently contract it any faster than we have. There is no way that the government agencies could absorb intelligently and make intelligent decisions about how to contract their agencies any faster than we are doing it. To suggest that it should be done faster is analogous to me to the federal government suggesting that the farm program should be cut off just like that. It would be making the same mistake that they are making, to which we so vociferously object. After all the years of building up these farm policies, and the reliance upon the federal government to suggest that in one year's time they should be dramatically and drastically cut off, didn't make sense to us when we heard it coming from the federal government because it is not something that you can do so rapidly. Likewise, in this situation, I think it doesn't make sense at all even if you believe that the contraction of government is what we should be about now...