

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...to do it any more rapidly than we are doing it. I think things altogether, regardless of how you look at them, dictate that in the end for all our weaving in and out, and around and about we are about to come, if we vote for this particular amendment, to a very common sense conclusion. Frankly, I believe that we would have come to that conclusion, the Governor's veto message to us of a few hours ago, notwithstanding we were coming there. I, once again, think I'm going to end up very proud of this Legislature. I think in the end we do pretty well in the end.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vard Johnson. Next is Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I will support the motion to override the Governor's veto. I must submit, though, I will support the motion with a certain amount of reticence. The reason I support it with reticence is I guess that I've been buffeted around for the last one month on all these revenue measures, and I've heard so much rhetoric about cut, cut, cut, cut, cut, cut, cut, cut that I almost want to say okay, cut, cut, cut, cut, cut, go home, explain it, tell your folk, tell the jobless, et cetera. But that little moment of pique and that little moment of annoyance and irritation is transcended by what I know the responsible person does, and the responsible person says you make changes where changes are necessary, you be thoughtful, you be reflective, you protect vital state interests, you protect vital government because we are basically in the end the only real friend the government has. We have a trust responsibility. We are stewards, we have to carry out that function, and notwithstanding all the rhetoric on the floor, all the polemicists, all the polemic, et cetera, we still have to do our duty. And our basic duty is to ensure that we carry out essential services in a reasonable, responsible, thoughtful, well-funded fashion. For that reason I will vote to override the Governor's veto.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President and colleagues, I thought I might be helpful just to make a brief comment for the record