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says, it's not too damaging; we can make another \$60 million in cuts. Which one is the real Governor? Which opinion was the real opinion of the Governor, the first one he gave when he thought he could balance everything, or this last one now as he is pouting that the form of his revenue wasn't the form that we chose? I shouldn't use that word, I guess, but it kind of appears that way. Did...did these cuts all of a sudden become not too damaging because of a form of revenue raising that we rais...that we chose? I don't think so. I don't think there is any logical connection there. So I think if you look at what was being done back before this abrupt turn in the executive branch, the Legislature and the Appropriations Committee and the Governor were only \$16 million apart. And now in this package,...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...we're recommending another 8 plus million dollars of cuts. We're sustaining that. So the difference between what the Governor recommended in the first place and what the Appropriations Committee has done is only about \$8 million, if his first opinion was his honest opinion. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Mr. Clerk, an amendment. Items for the record, please.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Very quickly, Enrollment and Review reports LB 687A as correctly engrossed. Enrollment and Review also reports LB 989A, LB 1033A, LB 1003A to Select File. Amendments to be printed; Senator Aguilar to LB 1115, Senator Bromm to LB 1062. Confirmation report from General Affairs Committee, and a new resolution, LR 458 from Senator Jones. That will be laid over. (Legislative Journal pages 1560-63.)

Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the Appropriations Committee motion. (MO 270, Legislative Journal page 1563.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers.