

affects the following year and it serves somewhat of a guide when it comes to looking at new or expanded programs of which this year, of course, there will be none or virtually none. So I would move adoption of the amendment to the committee amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, we are now to precisely what the rules envisioned when they were adopted in the first days of this session and that is simply that we would pass a resolution as a legislative body looking at some number, and we have two numbers; one is \$758 million and one is \$15 million more. \$15 million more is what, about two percent additional total budget. It is my understanding that the Governor, and the resolution speaks to it very clearly, said \$758 million, his agencies, his staff have said is an adequate number of dollars to do the things. I can pick any number of places where I believe \$15 million can be saved. Now whether it can or cannot be effectively saved without doing damage I am not going to know nor is any person in this room going to know until they get a lot of additional information when the actual debate comes. How much do you really need for state employees increase? The amount proposed now happens to be \$15 million. How much do you need for a University increase? I don't know what the increase is in percentage but I know that it is a substantial number of dollars, maybe some savings there. How much do you need for everything? I don't know but I can't see that there is any reason to go with an additional \$15 million at this time until...until we get her laid out here, balance everything, and look at it. \$758 million seems to be a reasonable target figure to live with at this time and, once again, this is a resolution indicating a direction. If I were doing it my own way, I have got an amendment up there which I may or may not pursue, it says something like this: The Legislature recognizes all the facts and problems inherent with the economy and we encourage and request the Appropriations Committee and the Revenue Committee to act as efficiently, as quickly, and as effectively to get us the information and the budget bill itself to deal with and then we can chatter about what the final figure is going to be. But at this time why add \$15 million for the sake of adding it without some compelling reason, and at this point, we don't have it so far as I can see, and so I am going to support \$758 million at this time with the understanding it certainly is just a resolution, and when somebody comes out here and says what the needs are, then we can make adjustments. And when they bring those needs to us, those needs have to be dealt with not in an isolated