

and that's it. You're not going to cut the state employees. I know that sounds like you think it is going to happen. It ain't. You can count the votes on it. So if you spend a couple hours going piecemeal through women, Mexicans, blacks and I don't know who all, you're going to find out you've used up the session and gone nowhere and not dealt with the other things. I repeat, I just think it is physically impossible to start redoing the budget out here at eleven fifty-eight with six and a half days to go and noble as those goals are, you do the first one and she just unfolds. I think we've pushed the Appropriations Committee and we've pushed the Governor just about as far as you're going to push them. We've intimidated them and kind of politically browbeat them and twisted them, 20, 30, 50 million and then another 20 million, whatever. Just about so far you can go and I think we've gone her and I think we ought to get this thing processed and get on with other things.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Cal Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would have to concur I think with Senator DeCamp in much that he has said and we are down to the very last part of our session. We have asked the Appropriations Committee many times since they started their work last fall to go back to the drawing board and redraw their proposals to it and I guess I, for one, am assuming that they have done their job quite well and spent hours in doing it. But I do have a question of Senator Marsh or Senator Warner, relative to these amendments that are now before us for our consideration and that is, whichever one wants to answer, have you in your deliberations from the beginning made cuts in these various areas as you have done in other things as you presented your proposals to us?

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Carsten, which one do you wish to have respond?

SENATOR CARSTEN: I suspect the chairman of the committee perhaps.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Warner, would you respond, please, to the question.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, Senator Carsten, the nature of the cuts would be those that were applied uniformly to agencies such as a zero percent in operating increases. We... I'd have to look for sure but I don't think we approved any increase that they had asked for for expansion which is generally true throughout the budget. So essentially it is a continuation budget and a cut would be comparable to a whole