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this point I would not be able to describe what they may be and there may not be a problem.

SENATOR NEWELL: Okay. Now let me ask one last question, how important in the overall consideration do you and you think the Executive Board feels about staff? Is that one of their higher priorities?

SENATOR LAMB: I think staff is very important to this Legislature and I think the Executive Board agrees with that assessment.

SENATOR NEWELL: Okay, thank you very much. It is with this kinds of recognition of our situation that I am going to oppose the Beutler amendment and I am going to oppose the Beutler amendment not because I am not concerned about staff. I think we need adequate staff to get the job done and I think they have served us well and really have improved this Legislature. But I think that the \$200,000 that was cut is not going to create the problem, as Senator Warner indicated earlier, it is not going to create the problem where we are forced to roll back staff for certain members. Traditionally we have had members who have not used their staff, not used the full allotment and allocation and not pushed those people to the very high salary limits that are possible and I think that those kinds of cutbacks where cutbacks in salaries themselves or making a hard look at the whole Council budget could help us at least make those same staff commitments.

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute.

SENATOR NEWELL: So with that in mind, I would urge the body not to accept the Beutler amendment even though I personally feel strongly about staff and will make it one of my priorities, my first priority if reductions are necessary. I think we need to make cuts like the rest of state government has. These are hard times and I think we ought to recognize that.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members, I oppose the Beutler amendment. I think he was wrong when he said we had so many bills that we had to have staff to look at them. I think we have got so many staff that it's the reason we have so many bills up there because if you have staff you have got to keep them busy. One of the ways to make it look good for your constituents and also for the Executive Board is to see that you have got a lot of bills up there and, my goodness, you