

are going to say to the people, "How about three percent?" And then check the shock value. I would sooner take one percent now and let the people know there may be some more coming later on if you want to maintain services. I oppose the Wesely amendment and I would hope you do the same thing.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I thought it was interesting that Senator Beutler referred to the state as the parents and our subdivisions as the children and then went on to say that we should take care of the parents first. You know it is funny but as a parent I always thought it was the other way around and usually I find that the parents are the "fat cats" of the family, that we perhaps maybe should not have that kind of selfish viewpoint as parents first, let the children look out for themselves. On the reduction to the operations from three percent to one percent, that is the parents I assume. The parents are going to come out with \$5 million more and then we go down to F and G where we have a three percent reduction in the homestead exemption aid and where does that come from? Right, that comes from the children, from the property owner. G, the five percent reduction in personal property tax exemption aid goes right back to the county. Where is it going to end up? The children are going to pick it up and those children are translated to your property tax payers. I certainly think that in state government we can find those places to cut and I recommend that we adopt the Governor's plan, that we not mess around with all of these alternatives. You either accept or reject that the state has that responsibility and the state also has those places where we can trim the fat and we should be looking at that more closely than dumping it back on the property taxpayer. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, an argument that hasn't been raised in this issue, and I respectfully oppose the amendment, all the cuts and the three percent, state agencies, one after the other, trouped in and said they could live with them. Basically I guess they said they supported them, almost overwhelmingly. However, however, if you were to ask the people that are going to lose this other money, the five percent, \$3.5 million, those are all the myriads, thousands of subdivisions of government. They have had no chance to even open their mouths on it and yet you are going to knife them, put that money on property tax again and I guess I don't think that