

increase. If you turn to page 22, what the committee has done, unlike the Governor's budget where he did not recognize general operation type activity in his proposal at least to reappropriate balances and let agencies supposedly eat these differences. It was the Appropriations Committee opinion that these were actual increases that would be realized. We're talking about such things as increased costs for postage since postage has went up; workers' compensation assessments which we know go up; DAS rate increases for transportation services and for rent. We know they're going up and the overall just basic inflationary increases of an operating budget, we're basically on those type of things the committee granted a 3 percent general policy operational increase which is as we all are well aware of is something that is certainly less than the rate of inflation we're experiencing right now. One other item that is in the mainline bill that is reflected in the mainline bill is the across-the-board budget reductions. And as you can see, we did a 2 percent reduction for the '91-92 fiscal year and increased that by 1 percent to a total of 3 percent in '92-93 fiscal year. That is about each 1 percent is about, I forget the dollar amount off the top of my head unfortunately, I'll get that back to you, but those are the across-the-board 2 or 3 percent reductions are contained in this bill and as mentioned actually in the Governor's letter, also in our, on the green sheet you will see on our agenda, you will see they're also talking about some anticipated cuts in the next biennium as well and so these 2 and 3 percent across-the-board cuts we are recognizing in this mainline bill has to be understood that that, to make things balance in the odd years, we'll have to continue cutting at least to some degree, state government in the years to come. Those are some of the, just very, very briefly, some of the major items in this bill. Obviously the budget books have been in your hands a week now. We've had two nights where we attempted to have informational meetings. At this point in time. It would be my suggestion to the body that we begin the process of debating amendments and the first committee amendment is really what I just explained there. So with that, I'd move the adoption of the committee amendments by the Appropriations Committee.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Are there amendments on the desk, Mr. Clerk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: The first amendment to the committee amendments that I have is from Senator Nelson. That is found on