

the interims, when we're not in session, when hearings are not being held, I do believe that there is some room for...there's some room for adjustment there. Intergovernmental Cooperation of which I am...Committee, I am the Chair, a 30 percent reduction in that...in the funds that are our own travel money, we could handle that with a little self-restraint. There are many of us who don't use those funds, don't travel anywhere. But those who do, I'm sure, could get along with this...with this 30 percent reduction. The cut in the Department of Economic Development, I...I'm not sure with that. Now if 1063 would happen to pass, I would agree we no longer need the Department of Economic Development because the opportunities and the enticements that we can offer under 1063 are pretty rare and pretty limited. I will be interested to see what further amendments might be offered on various different agencies that many others of you have had an opportunity to deal with and we can talk about the good things and the bad things about each one of those. But I enjoy the opportunity to discuss each one of these budgets as we go through the afternoon and evening. And I appreciate your amendment, Senator Dierks. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I was just going to briefly comment while we're dealing with this particular amendment before, I guess, it's mostly so people understand that this amendment, if you adopt it, does nothing on the budget. If you read page 10, Section 4, it says it is the intent of the Legislature. That's not binding. The only way that these kind of reductions, in fact, could be made is to...an appropriation which you reduce an appropriation. This is a resolution as far as impact is concerned and we can spend a lot of time talking about it, that's fine, but it means nothing, it reduces no budget. Certainly, the public would be vastly misled if they think we are voting on a reduction of \$53 million to the appropriations because it simply does not change one single penny in any appropriation that exists this biennium.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Madam President, I just want to say one more time that the ombudsman's office ought not to be included, even in a technical way, and I think that my amendment speaks for