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given, is that...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...we have made very few actual cuts. We have dipped into the sugar bowl here and there. We've gotten our hands in somebody else's bucket here and there and we're trying to come up with a few more dollars and I commend you for it because that is part of the business. But, insofar as the illusion of actually having \$105 million worth of cuts is concerned, that's all it is. It's a shell game and it is an attempt by us to buy time and, of course, that is perhaps important in some ways but it does not resolve the problem. And my deepest concerns are that without biting the bullet and doing some of the things that we did in previous years, and I know that we don't like across-the-board cuts, but back in the mid-eighties when Governor Kerrey was Governor we did it and we survived. And I think that we're going to have to probably after election...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...which is probably a more propitious time for it than before election, going to have to make some of those substantial across-the-board cuts. I would prefer to do it now rather than to wait until after election.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Does anyone else wish to address this bill? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Moore?

SENATOR MOORE: I just move for the advancement of LB 2.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay, we will now vote on the motion to advance LB 2. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 2.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 2 is advanced. LB 11.

CLERK: LB 11 was a bill introduced by the Appropriations Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on September 21, referred to Appropriations,