

in with any kind of a pared down balanced budget if we don't have the money. So I just wanted people to know who are listening to the Legislature that it's a lot of rhetoric and we're not cutting back on anything here, we're not trying to cut away from anybody out there. We're trying to hold down the increase and in some cases trying to freeze the increase so if you hear that we're trying to cut the budget or if people are telling you that we've got to cut spending, I just want you to know that there have been very few ideas here on the floor...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR WITEK: ...to cut spending. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I call the question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. The question before you is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Debate ceases. The Chair recognizes Senator Avery to close on his amendment.

SENATOR AVERY: Madam President, I'd like a call of the house.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: There has been a request for a call of the house. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 1 nay to go under call.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The house is under call. Will senators please return to their seats. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. The house is under call. Will senators please check in. Senator Avery, you may continue.

SENATOR AVERY: Thank you, Madam President. I...in looking at this, there were several points, I don't know if they were good points made, in terms of I am just reducing the percentage of increase that is proposed. And in speaking to some friends that