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this committee amendment, is very baseline. I suggest it's something that this body does not want to do and cannot do. There has to be some built-in room or leeway for the A bills. And under Senator Schimek's proposition there would be \$15 million that could be spent on A bills and still stay within a 3.5 percent figure. Could there be more for A bills? Yes, there could be. If the Appropriations Committee cut back, for example, on the work that it's done so far, that would leave more room for A bills. If the Appropriations Committee expanded on the spending that they've done on continuation bills, that would leave less room for A bills. I have suggested and I don't think the Appropriations Committee is concerned with the prospect, but I think it's possible to have a step two in this process, whereby first you have the resolution, and the second step would be another resolution wherein this body would have a detailed discussion on how much would be spent on A bills and how much would be spent on continuing appropriations. In other words, today we make a decision on the overall spending, a couple weeks from now we could come back and talk about exactly how much you wanted to spend on new programs and how much you wanted to spend on continuing appropriations. That...that...that's...that situation, those alternatives are there in front of us. So I'm hoping, as a minimum, that you will get the level up to that which you're prepared to support. Do not vote for a limitation figure that...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...that you cannot follow through with in your subsequent actions. If you know there are A bills out there that you're going to vote for, then you also know that you cannot vote for the committee amendment, because there is no room in the committee amendment right now for A bills. But there is money for A bills, there is plenty of money for A bills. The question is whether you want to have an expenditure limitation; whether, in light of 413 and what you've heard from your constituents, you want to keep spending within certain expenditure targets. If you don't want to do that, if you just want to spend all the money that's there, we could spend \$38 million on A bills.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.