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line that should be done. And I certainly support the amendment, and thank Senator Beutler for bringing it forward. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I've been a part of two different Appropriations Committees...that is, two different...two Appropriations Committee, under two different leaderships. And I've watched Jerry Warner and I've watched Scotty Moore as head of the Appropriations Committee. And I've watched a variety of Appropriations Committees weigh the balances up and down and everywhere in all the different categories, and reach their decisions. But I've never seen an Appropriations Committee whose leadership came out here on the floor and agreed to a \$25 million hole in the budget. And that's what's happened. And I just feel strongly that on big amounts of money like this, there have been internal agreements of trust that have been broken, and that what has happened is not good for the Appropriations Committee process, and it's not good for the Legislature. I think the general feeling out here now is that you don't know what the boundaries are, you don't know why one is picked and another is not, except that the leadership of the Appropriations Committee tended to choose a couple of items, and a couple of very, very expensive items. We haven't been able to restore funding for providers. We haven't been able to restore full funding to the university. We haven't been able to restore funding for almost anything that we were cut funding for in the past. And now, \$25 million of essentially new spending. I'm really disappointed. And that's the biggest feeling I feel, is just disappointment. But this is not a fiscally conservative path that we're choosing. Maybe some people think that if the irresponsible path is in the name of business, that that's all right. We all have our "in the name of" that are all right for us. But somebody has got to be responsible for looking at the whole thing. And I always thought that was the Appropriations Committee. And I'm not understanding what's happened today. But I hope at least you will redeem the committee, to some extent, and cut at least \$10 million of this spending out of the budget. Thank you.