

record what this cut is. I have been long in favor of direct services to people, and those kinds of dollars should not be cut, and that is where we ought to be expending them. We're not talking about direct services. We're talking about administrative costs here. I've never met anybody in administration that wasn't under-staffed and could have doubled their staff and still have been in need. Senator Marsh says we're going to lose some federal dollars. We're going to gain them back with the \$300 million we ask the government to spend here on the dam project, Senator Marsh, so maybe they can transfer those funds over for us. The issue is if you want to cut it here is one of the logical places to do it. I appreciate the work that this Appropriations Committee has done. I've been through five years of battle on this. They are the most sensitive about the fine instrument that they have put together, and don't want anybody to amend it, but usually they're the first ones up to amend other committee bills. I've got a record of that. So the process here is not whether or not we amend the Appropriations Committee bill and become a personal affront to them, because that is not true because of the fine number of friends that did not attack me that are on the Appropriations Committee. Here is a logical place to cut the budget. If you want to cut it, fine. If you don't, then you can go back home and talk in terms of clichés about how you tried to keep the cost down. One of your big points will be to tell the people in your district that you wanted to cut the cost, but the important area you had to defend was the \$83,000 in administration in welfare. That will sell back home just like hot cakes. I ask you to make the cut.

PRESIDENT: Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 16 nays.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. We have, in the South balcony, 22 second graders from McPhee School here in Lincoln, that is Senator Maxey's district. We also have 16 students from District 118, Saunders County, Rock Creek Precinct, that is in Senator Schmit's district. They're in the South balcony. In the North balcony we have 20 fourth graders from Columbus, Nebraska, West Park School, that is in Senator Dworak's district. Thanks, all of you, for being with us this morning. Do you have another amendment, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment offered is offered by Senator Richard Lewis. It's found on page 1748 of the Legislative Journal. (Read amendment).

PRESIDENT: Senator Richard Lewis.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Are we on now? Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Mills and I have been working on this particular amendment. I'm sure it might have been an oversight in preparing the budget. I think it was a matter of priorities as submitted by the Department of Agriculture.

PRESIDENT: Could we have more order on the floor, please, so that we can heard Senator Lewis. Thank you.