

PRESIDENT: You have one minute, Senator.

SENATOR FOWLER: Okay. We're not adding additional housing to the Lincoln Reformatory for chemical dependency. We're saying place that in the institution as you have it designed. So that is one difference. The second is we're saying we're not giving you the full money that you request for the maximum security unit, that we're only funding what would be basically the third phase of the project, and that you must come back and ask for additional pieces of the maximum security complex.

PRESIDENT: We have 63 students in the South balcony from Tarkio Junior High School in Tarkio, Missouri. I guess their Legislature is also adjourned. We have 27 students from District 1-R in Grand Island, that is Senator Rasmussen's district. We have 35 students from Columbus, Nebraska, Emerson School, Senator Dworak's district, also in the North balcony. Thank you all for being with us today. Senator Venditte. Wait, excuse me. Senator Venditte, we do have some amendments. We might as well get at them. Yes.

CLERK: It is offered by Senator Frank Lewis. (Read F. Lewis amendment found on page 1971 of the Journal).

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. President, I offer the amendment in hopes that someone would explain the exact circumstances to the members of this Legislature. As I understand the program Nebraska requires that all tractors be tested for horsepower. The University of Nebraska has been designated to do that, and to test those for various companies. It appears to me that those who are required to have that tested should be those that are required to pay for it, rather than the taxpayers. This is a high priority for the Governor. I think it is important to the citizens of this state to understand precisely how it's beneficial to the individual citizen to use taxpayers money for this purpose. I have no question about the competency or the effectiveness of the program. But the program is strictly geared to meet state law to provide for protection in terms of sales of tractors. I think it would be wonderful if Massey-Ferguson, John Deere, or the others would like to share...not share but pay the cost of testing their tractors. Again, I was amazed when I read that as the Governor's priority for the citizens of the state in this tight money year. I offer the amendment, not in an adversarial role, but in hoping that someone would be able to explain the benefit to the individual taxpayer rather than the benefit to the fine companies that I have mentioned before, and others worldwide. I move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I'm sure the members of the Budget Committee could do this more capably than I could myself. But I do have an amendment up there that pertains to the tractor lab. Therefore, I would just like to answer Senator Frank Lewis' question. He raises the issue as to why the companies, whose tractors are tested, do not pay for the cost. The facts are that the companies whose tractors are tested do pay all of the operating costs, all the salaries, all the wages that are necessary to operate the lab, approximately \$120,000 per year. It was