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to some questions about how carefully this diversion of money has been considered by the Governor. \$72,000 means a great deal of salaries and programs for the older people that this program serves in Lincoln and Omaha. It is a major cut, not a minor cut, not just \$36,000. We are talking \$72,000. Another thing that there has been some confusion about over this issue is whether the State Commission on Aging actually doesn't care about this change in funding. Well, the Commission on Aging was not aware of the decision by the Governor from the most part and now that they are aware of the decision they are very much opposed from all indications I have received and the question that nobody really cares about this change in funding is not correct at all. Not only does the Commission on Aging care, there are members of the Legislature as the nineteen signatures on that letter indicate who care about programs for the elderly and finding employment for them and making their lives more meaningful and helping them to sustain themselves. So there is concern on the part of a number of individuals in this state about that program and about this cut in funding. The basic point is this. If you are able to support my amendment and it is adopted you will find that the impact on the rural program will not be negative at all and, in fact, the money will still be there because of the Governor's action. We cannot touch the discretionary fund which the Governor has diverted. That is his discretionary fund. The Legislature cannot touch it. We cannot take any action dealing with it. Instead I am proposing that the Governor has taken this action. These programs are worthy. Let's replace that money and maintain those programs, not add to them, but rather just maintain them in the Cities of Lincoln and Omaha. They are serving a purpose. They are effective. They are cost efficient and effective. This is not an urban-rural question. This is a question of justice for older people in this state and I ask for your support. I told you I would be brief and I close my remarks and ask for a vote as soon as possible on this.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would arise to oppose somewhat reluctantly but the facts are that we would be doing and the correct amount is \$72,000. But what we would be doing then is picking up from general fund money some federal funds that really was not intended to be supported with general fund money and for that reason alone I would trust that it would not be