

Chadron State College, there are some things like that the committee did feel we should add. Those probably would have to be cut under the DeCamp motion to fund the increase in state aid. But the net increase in aid to all political subdivisions by the time we are done with the DeCamp motion is one million dollars.

PRESIDENT: One minute Senator.

SENATOR FOWLER: The counties, the cities, the community college's give up money, give a little more to the schools. I think that we ought to take the budget as it has been amended. I don't quite have the moral outrage that Senator Dworak does about the additions, because I think they were worth while. I think we ought to send the budget over to the Governor and let him exercise his constitutional prerogative to either sign the budget or veto it. Then if he vetoes it it will come back for us and we can consider those vetoes. But this flat 2½% across the board is not going to work. Nothing is going to be gained as far as property tax relief with Senator DeCamp's motion. For that reason I would oppose it.

PRESIDENT: Before we go on to the next speaker we have a couple more schools to welcome. From Senator Landis' district we have 21 third graders and three adults from Belmont School here in Lincoln. Chery Bayley is the teacher. Over here in the north balcony. Would you kind of wave to us and show us where you are. Welcome to your legislature. Over here in the south balcony we have 30 eight graders from Senator Cope's district, Grand Island District 38, Don Arrants and Carol Kroeger. They are up here in the south balcony. Would you welcome them. Would you wave to us so we know where you are. Welcome to your Legislature. Chair recognizes Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE. Mr. President, members, I oppose of course Senator DeCamp's great compromise. I'm on the Appropriations Committee and I wonder sometimes why we have one. What does this mean, one of the many things? If I were an agency and by some chance Senator DeCamp's amendment should pass, if I were an agency next year I would certainly pad my budget by 3%, 5%, or whatever it could be assumed would be taken off at the end. You can't blame anybody for doing that. I think they are coming in with some pretty close budgets and even with that the Appropriations Committee had to cut 63 million dollars off. Now, it may not have been in the right place for everyone, I can assure you, it wasn't where I wanted some of it, it wasn't where other members