

fashion, not in an isolated fashion, but in the context of our whole economy such as what is our state aid to education, what are we doing for property taxes, these kind of things, too, not just what we are doing for the University. And I have nothing against the University, I went all my years there but it is a fact, and I think anybody that has been in this body would have to tend to recognize that fact that the University is a very powerful lobbying institution, without question the most powerful, and that possibly their voice is a little louder when it comes to divvying up the money and secondary education and some of these other things maybe don't have quite as strong a voice in here. So let's stick with the \$758 million target figure by resolution only and see what we get when we get the whole picture out here in the form of a budget bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Your time is up. The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman, and then Senator Beutler.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to call the attention of this body that if you pass the resolution that is \$15 million higher than what the Governor has recommended you are saying, in essence, go ahead and spend the \$15 million because you have got enough votes to do it, because the resolution says, adopt the higher figure, spend the \$15 million. And once you get her spent and once you tell everybody what you are going to do, it is a lot harder to take it back. It is hard to take it back and in many cases you won't get it back. So by passing this resolution, you are indicating to everybody, all the state agencies, everybody in the State of Nebraska, that we are going to spend an additional \$15 million. I think that is a dangerous thing to do. I understand, I was going to bring that up, Senator DeCamp, thank you, that the resolution cuts \$5 million off and I believe, Senator Warner, you said the \$5 million was cut due to the increase in the income, is that right? Just a question. Yes, now can you...the pink sheet says you are taking \$5 million off, right?

SENATOR WARNER: The pink sheet takes \$10 million off. The committee resolution...the essential figure you want to talk with, Senator Haberman, the pink sheet puts the target figure at \$763 million.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Okay, but why are you taking that off, because of due to increased income?

SENATOR WARNER: Because the original amendment was \$773 million and because of the reduced anticipated receipts, primarily the beginning balance on July 1 as reported to