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brings in the movement from the Beatrice Developmental Center to the community programs. Now the reason for this language being in the bill was because of the old court case, and the Legislature.....

SENATOR NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator Burrows, I understand from the Clerk we might have a different amendment there. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: The one that you....this is the one that you had filed earlier. Okay?

SENATOR BURROWS: Okay.

CLERK: Okay.

SENATOR NICHOL: All right, Senator Burrows, do you want to start over?

SENATOR BURROWS: That is the other amendment. Mr. Chairman, this amendment...as soon as I am through talking with Senator Goodrich, this amendment would strike \$33,880 from the constitutional officers and there is a handout on your state. Now it was my understanding the other day on the floor debate that Senator Goodrich assured us that they could take the constitutional officers' salary increase out of existing budgets, and I feel that that is an admission that those budgets have that amount of money, too much in them, and this strips through what that actual increase would be. Now I am presuming this body will not pass the constitutional salary increase which I think would be totally unreasonable in this session of the Legislature when we are putting off and delaying the state employees' salary increases, people with much lower salaries are taking the bite and the bullet. I think we can go to the higher salaries to hold our line. This would strike out from the Governor's office \$5,600; the Lieutenant Governor \$4,480; Secretary of State \$4,480; Auditor \$4,480; Attorney General \$4,760; State Treasurer \$4,480, and Public Service Commission \$5,600. These are the amounts that with the additional benefits that go along with the salary increases in that bill, these are the exact amounts done by Appropriations staff that it would have cost if we passed that bill without an A bill, the constitutional officers' salary increase bill. I think at this time if they could take those salary increases out of their budgets, I think the argument is clear that those budgets are that much too high. So let's call a spade a spade and pass this amendment, strike the \$33,880 from the constitutional agencies and then move ahead with this bill and then indefinitely