

April 6, 1982

LB 761

and contacting citizens across the state so they don't have to come to Lincoln. We are leaving that money in but it is the travel out of state, which by the way I would defend some of that as being very helpful and useful to the state, but I also will tell you I am one that made an out of state trip last year that cost almost \$1,000. I have never turned in a bill. So, you know, that is what we can do.

SENATOR HIGGINS: In other words this \$50,000 you are cutting just out of the expenses we have now for out of state travel and the rest of the travel budget is for interstate travel... Intra...

SENATOR WARNER: There would still be some for out of state on a limited basis, Senator.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Okay, I still say I think we could all make that big sacrifice and not take a trip out of state for a couple of years and see how much money that would save.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support the Appropriations amendment introduced by Senator Warner. I think that it is time that we bite the bullet and make some reductions and, of course, if I read this correctly, it is about, a little over nine and a half million dollars reduction but I certainly like the reduction to the Legislative Council. I think we need to cut our own expenses. And I see there is a reduction here, \$200,000, for our staff and I think this is very good because we always talk about wasting government and I think as we analyze the legislative branch that we can see quite a little waste, anyway I can. All you need to do is come down here during the summer months and you see a lot of people not doing too much work and so I would just like to offer my suggestion that we follow the Appropriation Committee's amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members, I, too, want to support the Warner proposal or the Appropriations Committee proposal. I would like to speak just a little bit and try to answer Senator Higgins on her ideas. Personally I have always thought that out state travel at least to a limited extent with well-planned meetings was worth every cent we were spending for it. I have attended a number of meetings of the Council of State Governments and maybe