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SENATOR LAMB: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, could the Clerk read the amendments that are coming up? Just who they are from and what the subject matter is.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have several amendments. One from Senator Wesely that would involve discontinuing well for example the . . . eliminate the General Homestead Exemption, reduce wholesaler cigarette tax discount from 5% to 4%. I believe copies of that amendment have been distributed, Mr. President. I then have amendments from Senator Newell to eliminate funding for two year degrees in early childhood education agriculture at Chadron State College. I then have an amendment from Senator Newell to eliminate General Fund support for AGNET at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Institute of Ag and Natural Resources. I then have an amendment from Senator Newell to eliminate operating funds associated with the regional college of veterinary medicine and finally Mr. President an amendment from Senator Newell to eliminate General Fund replacement of Federal Funds to the Nebraska Water Resources Center at the University of Nebraska. And finally Mr. President an amendment from Senator Koch to prevent the University of Nebraska from expending operating funds associated with the regional college of veterinary medicine. That is all I have.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature I had an amendment for another bill which would have delayed the salary increase for state employees until July 1, 1983. I had the amendment drafted, frankly before the Lincoln Journal editorial. I'm not going to offer that amendment. I think we have a committee which has presented us a proposal that is a reasonable proposal, I very frankly am concerned that we are going to be overdrawn at the bank next January 1st or even before that. I do not agree that we are going to have...that this economy is going to turn around as rapidly as we would like to see it. Without a major turn around in the economy we are going to be back here in January looking at generally reduced income figures from what we have today I believe. I don't think we are going to solve the revenue problems, nor the appropriation problems of the State of Nebraska until we do what some of us have recommended for a number of years, you have a general rewrite of the revenue laws of the State of Nebraska and try to by some manner or means match expenditures with income. I think at this time for myself, and I do this in all sense of fairness, I think, anyone of us to try to, I shouldn't say nitpick but I'll say pick apart the recommendation of the budget committee is perhaps dipping from a position of less than strength. So basically I am going to support the proposal. I would hope that all of us would support it. We take the package and we accept the responsibility with the knowledge that we may have more serious problems in January, but then at that time we will meet those

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