

responsibilities and try to solve the problems on a more long range basis than we have done in the past several years. So I would ask that we not adopt any of these amendments but that we move on and advance the bills as they have been presented to us.

SENATOR LAMB: Chair recognizes Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise in support of Senator Landis' motion. I think that this session has probably been one of the most uncomfortable, unpleasant, unsatisfying session that this Legislature has had for a number of years. Not only the Legislature but also the people of the State of Nebraska. I don't believe that there is one single soul in this body or outside of this body that is going to be happy with whatever we do. We need to commend the Appropriations Committee and their staff for the efforts that they have put forth in presenting to us what is in the best knowledge that they have used with the evidence that is at hand at the moment to bring up a middle of the road approach and not put the total burden on one aspect or the other. I believe that it is reasonable and sensible as Senator Schmit has said. I believe, as Senator Schmit said, that what has gone on today before is certainly characteristic of what may very well be to come if we continue with more amendments. We have reached a point where I think that it is either for us to accept that which has been thoroughly and in detail and that was the reason for my question earlier, whether the Appropriations Committee had gone program by program in their analysis of the situation in arriving at a recommendation to this body. It was not haphazard, I think it was thoroughly discussed and thoroughly examined before those reports were submitted to us. I accept them as a part of my responsibility to accept that responsibility that the Appropriations Committee has so capably taken care of. I would urge you to support Senator Landis' amendment and that we will address those issues in January as they occur to us then. We certainly do need, without question, to address more of them what we have at the moment, but I think the session is too short to do that. As I said relative to Senator DeCamp's move the other day, but our committee is going to try to present something for the Legislature to consider in the next session and that is, in my opinion, an absolute necessity also. Thank you Mr. President for this opportunity to support the motion.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Schmit made some good arguments and it is not often that I publicly admit that he has persuaded me, it is not good at home, but in this case I think Senator Schmit's arguments were in fact good ones and considering the fact that the Appropriations Committee has worked hard, has put together, maybe not the most satisfactory proposal but at least a reasonable proposal. I will very magnanimously or just plain withdraw my amendments, whichever you prefer and thank Senator Schmit for his leadership and guidance in these difficult times.