

children's programs over that. I think overall the citizens of the State of Nebraska would say, well, if that is my choice, so be it, and I will take it, but I would simply ask you to think about those things. Don't forget the kids while you are taking care of grandpa and grandpa. I think we have an obligation to do both ends of the spectrum and I would ask you not to do one at the expense of the other. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Before recognizing Senator Nelson for additional discussion, Senator Jacklyn Smith is announcing some guests in our north balcony, 25 fifth and sixth graders from Kenesaw Elementary with their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you. We are glad to have you with us. Also Senator Hefner is announcing our doctor of the day from Randolph, Dr. Monte Sellon. Dr. Sellon is with us on behalf of the Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians. Please welcome Dr. Sellon under our north balcony. Thank you, doctor. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I, too, am happy to be a signer on Senator Smith's amendment. I've left Senator Smith handle the details. She knows their budget. She knows more about it than I, but what bothers me, and I certainly can see where Senator Hannibal is coming from, Senator Scofield, the same thing is a real concern of mine is, how much of this are we funding ongoing and how much can we fund? Personally, I don't think that our budget is going to be near in the shape that some people think it is, when you go out in the country and see how dry it is. So I have a problem with, you know, all of these amendments and so on and we all have our own pet projects. I, for one, I have a problem of not supporting people that are really, truly in need, so I have to agree, the elderly I think have fared very well here, far better than maybe some of the young students or so on, or some that go on, but for amendments such as this or this appropriation, I feel far more comfortable in supporting this than maybe I do a 9 or 11 percent salary increase, someone that is entirely capable of working, and I did not support the Governor's 18.2 million. I felt that it went to people that may or may not have been needy. I would have liked to have it gone back to the people that actually paid it, if so, but we have to set our priorities and the elderly, a lot of them, are struggling, a lot of them that are not struggling, but as Senator Smith said, this is the ones that it is pointing to is the people that has to be based on the need, and if need be, my vote will not be to support some of the other millions and