

don't set our priorities, we just add things on and add things on and say, we'll let the Governor make the tough decisions, we don't want to do that over here. Every time you file an amendment on an appropriations bill to cut the budget, you never get...you hardly ever get 25 votes, you know, and everybody, you know, and Senator Haberman may file an amendment to cut the budget out of Omaha but he probably won't file a budget...file an amendment to cut budget...cut something out of his district. And it just...it's a simple fact of the matter is that you go out to your districts and they're saying, 12 percent, you know, you don't let...money does not have to burn a hole in your pocket, you don't have to spend it all at once. You know, like I said, a 12 percent increase out of committee I thought was...I can't defend that at home, but yet we all come up here, we just keep adding onto it, keep loading her up, keep spending more money because it is burning a hole in our pocket. I think that's unwise. Now you can't argue on Senator Hall's amendment. I think it's...in some ways it's unfortunate, it's a good program like this we're having this debate on because it could happen on anything but it's a big chunk of money at this point in time that we have to turn off the spending machine.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. May I introduce some guests, please. Senators Pirsch, Chambers and Chizek have 45 sixth grade students from Masters Elementary School in Omaha and their teachers. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. The students and teachers. Please rise so we can see where you are. Thank you for visiting us today. We also...Senator Warner and Senator Schmit have some students in the north balcony. There are 25 fourth graders from Raymond Central School and their teacher. Will you students and teacher please stand up. Senator Wesely has guests under the north balcony. We have Vernon Heiliger who is a Judicial Magistrate, Fremont County in Sidney, Iowa, and also Roy Pester and his family from Lincoln, Nebraska. Would you folks please rise. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Pirsch has 12 fourth graders from Bethany Christian School in Omaha and their teacher. Would you folks please rise. And we're happy to have you with us also today. Thank you. Senator Korshoj, please, followed by Senator Scofield and Senator Schimek.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Mr. President and members, I am not going to talk about this amendment. We're talking about the budget process and when this budget took 70 days to get to the floor 40 of us people suddenly have to decide how to vote on it in two