

right. I think that we all have some responsibility to every sector of the state, and so let's get 25 votes and put back in what we want in, but, first of all, let's get the 25 votes to support this amendment. With that, I will close. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Korshoj. May I introduced some guests, please, of Senator Rod Johnson in the north balcony. We have 36 fifth and sixth grade students from Palmer Elementary School at Palmer, Nebraska, with their teachers. Would you teachers and students please stand so we may recognize you. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Warner, please, followed by Senator Moore and Senator Scofield. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I might take this opportunity just to give some general comments first about capital construction. There was, as I recall, no new buildings in the Governor's budget recommendation so that any that would have been added would have been in addition to her original recommendations. There are capital construction items but they were not really buildings, as I recall. Secondly, capital construction is a one-time expense. Obviously, there is an operating cost at a later point but, by and large, they are a one-time expense. They are not a continuation item. If the same dollars are spent for an ongoing program, then, obviously, over a period of time you have that however million that it might be used to be funded each of the following year. I think I read somewhere there was to be 47 million cut out of the budget, I believe I read in the headlines, in capital construction. I am not sure if that is the right figure but, in any event, that doesn't give you 47 million more to spend this year, that was over the biennium, and if you are looking at maintenance of a level of funding over the four years, which is for planning purposes, attempting to do, why, whatever amount comes out, you will only actually have a fourth of that that would be available for a continuation budget. So it cuts down quite a bit, and then finally there are some other items that historically are placed in a capital construction budget which are one-time equipment, usually large equipment, and there is two or three items in that area that are contained in 814 primarily related to computers and the telecommunications, but almost always those kinds of expenditures are placed in a capital construction budget as opposed to operating budget to make it clear that it is one-time money, that it is not a funding that will go on beyond the