

teacher and students please stand so that we may recognize you? Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Haberman, please, followed by Senator Pirsch, and Senator Scofield.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, this is the first time I have risen to address this subject and the reason I am going to make my remarks is I have had many, many, many people in my district over the years say to me, Rex, what do you do with all of our money? Where does all of our money go? You raised the income tax. You raise the cigarette tax. All the fees are up. What do you do with all this money? Why don't you sometime cut the size of government instead of creating more government? So what are we doing here? We are creating more government from two boards to seven boards. We are creating more government for the citizens to pay for. Well, you say, well, what do you mean, pay for, Rex, what is it going to cost? Well, I don't believe anybody has stood up on the floor and told us what it is going to cost to run the new proposal, if it should pass. Nobody has told us this. How much more is it going to cost? When you go from two boards to seven boards, it is going to cost some money. Now if our present system is so bad, if the present system is so bad, why have those folks who are pushing the change been responsible for multimillion dollars investments and extra expenditures to what we have now. We have had those people stand up here and put millions of dollars into the university, millions of dollars into UNO, millions of dollars into the state colleges, and they have said, we have one of the best systems there is. And now, all of a sudden, it is bad. We have got to change it. We have to change the system of education, but did we do anything and are we doing anything about the community colleges? No, they are fine. They are doing okay. We are not going to touch the community colleges. It is just the other colleges that need to be changed. Well, folks, if it is a bad system, then let's change the whole system. Let's just don't pick and choose those that we like and those that we don't like. In my mind, I can't...I can't get it out of my mind that a lot of this has to do with the Roskens' affair. I think that some people are striking back. Some people are being vindictive. Some people are saying you are not going to do this, you are not going to do that, but don't forget, folks, we operate now under the elected procedure, not the appointed procedure, and that is the way it should be. I think the time we are spending and the money we are spending on LR 239 is going to be a complete lost as the citizens of the State of Nebraska, in my opinion, will not vote,