

million or more on the CASA bill that we have, so we're looking at somewhere in the vicinity of \$4 million we've already agreed to and added to the budget of which there is only 8 million there. And Senator Langford tells us the Governor would sign this amendment if it's agreed to. I have to assume that she knows what she's talking about. She's a little bit closer to the Governor than I am. So if we have about three to \$4 million already in, we have another 5 million to add, now we're going to have \$9 million. Senator Scofield says, no, we have a little more than that. So, ladies and gentlemen, what that would imply is the following. I'm not a real good mathematician. You've got A bills of salaries for judges, waste reduction. I'm looking down the list to postsecondary career schools, Nursing Incentive Act, Early Childhood Training Support, Juvenile Incarceration Alternatives, Early Childhood Programs. I'm assuming then if we go with these things that all of these then would be vetoed because this one before us is so important and I don't buy that. I think we're all going to have to make choices on what is going to happen. I understand that there might be even a little bit more money that would be out there. That's always one of those debatable questions of how much we actually have, but I guess I would put to the body at some point that if we want to start spending money like this for so little gain at the expense of so many other things, then we truly are, Senator Langford said, becoming irresponsible as a Legislature. So consequently, I would point...would ask to the body that certainly this amendment be rejected simply because this is not the time, not the place and certainly with the other things we have before us, considering the money to be expended, there is a much wiser and a better use for the funds that will cover more Nebraskans, needier Nebraskans than what this particular amendment proposes to be...to do for us. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Goodrich, would you like to close on the adoption of the amendment?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes, Mr. President, I am inclined to answer some of the allegations that were made on the floor rather bluntly, but I will hold my tongue because there are some pretty ridiculous things having been said on this floor. One of the things, for example, that I would say is rather prevalent is that if you don't want to fight crime now, then when? If you don't want to fight crime in Nebraska, then where? Where in the world and when in the world are we going to start putting these