

to say when you cut money from the budget, you detach some strings that say, indeed, the savings do occur. And I think with the amendment, if you adopt my amendment, you have done something that is reasonable, you are not restricting what the director can do. You are simply saying that when you do it, tell us what the impact of it is, and that is simply fine. Another thing, I think as we enter an era of possibly the downsizing of state government, I think you are going to see more of this. I think it is probably not unreasonable for the body to develop some sort of oversight mechanism to say how are these cuts taking place, what is the impact of these cuts, and when you cut the budget, do, indeed, do you...are you, indeed, accomplishing whatever you said you were going to accomplish. I think that is a structure that we need to create and need to develop. I am hesitant to do it on Select File in this amendment, but I think with my amendment, it is something that is a precedent that is not all that bad, and I would urge the body in future times to develop an ongoing mechanism to monitor these sort of cuts, as we do when we add to the budget. So I'd simply ask for adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. We will now vote on the Moore amendment to the Wesley amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the Moore amendment? Have you all voted on the Moore amendment? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 1 nay, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Moore's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted. Before we proceed with the debate on the amendment, itself, I would like to direct your attention to the south balcony. Special guests this morning of Senators Lynch and Chambers are 58 fourth graders from Mount View School in Omaha, and their teachers. Would you please stand and be recognized. Welcome to the Chambers this morning. Thank you. Senator Wesley.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President. Obviously, the Moore amendment is...the Moore is less than what I would hope for, but it is more than we have got, and so I would support the adoption of the amendment so there is some protections for the students and the families involved, the State of Nebraska, in general, the neighborhood affected, and I appreciate the amendment being adopted. It would, at least, put some intent of