

concern in the past about the system but what we're going through now this exercise is as good an example of how the system works and not in the best interests of the people of the state or in the best interests of the Legislature but in the best interests of the institutions. Do you know, for example, that everything you're considering today, with one exception, is money that was developed through legislation here on the floor or was within the 5 percent that was considered by the Appropriations Committee? Think about that. That means that every veto we're talking about, with one small exception here today, does not touch the 95 percent of the money that's spent by the institutions in this state without fear by those institutions. The Governor apparently doesn't know or he refused to consider cutting any spending out of the 95 percent of what all of these agencies spend. Apparently, he could only consider what the Appropriations Committee got back in the way of modifications from the agencies and, in fact, the other good ideas or bad ideas that we had here on the floor that we think are important, like the one we're talking about now and some others to follow. Think about that. I would think if any of you were Governor and you understood how the system worked, you would take a look at all the money the state spends, not just the stinking little 5 percent that the Appropriations gets a few days to talk about or not just the good ideas that come out of some of your Standing Committees but the whole darn ball of wax. That's all tax dollars. I'm not picking on them but just for an example and off the top of my head I can think about the University of Nebraska, for example, is going to get about 29 million more to spend this year from General Funds than they did last year. That's fine. I never raised any fuss about that. They also got \$10.6 million for salaries in addition to that, plus the Beadle Building, plus a number of other funds. That's fine. None of that, you know, additional funds that are spent are even looked at, I don't think, by not just this administration but other administrations in the past. Now if you feel insignificant or if you don't feel insignificant, you ought to, because the only thing you're left to talk about now is that little 5 percent we finally get access to in the Appropriations Committee in your behalf and whatever comes out of your subcommittees and Standing Committees here on the floor. As far as I'm concerned, we could return \$2 million each year back into the budget to meet some of these important ideas and good programs. And there's plenty of room, plenty of room for the Governor to find that \$2 million in that other 95 percent that nobody seemed to care anything about and touch. The only