

we are, or divided as we are. I think relative to this topic about a bill I had earlier this year where I had worked on for six years, third time around. Committee had looked at it, Senator Chambers looked at it from a little bit different perspective, and I said he's right. I changed my mind. We don't see that in Appropriations bills. We don't see that. Yes, we will have a balanced budget amendment and this body will pass 392 and the other bills as presented to us. We will add to that whatever it is our pleasure during the bills that are still out on...that call for expenditures, of tax money. We send them all over, and the Governor will...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...by administrative decision make that decision. That's my prediction, but I don't think it ought to be that way. I think we ought to approach the formulation of a budget in a way that is far more...did you say time or one minute? Okay, far more inclusive of the other 40 members of the Legislature. Perhaps when we get into the next budget cycle, two years from now, the Appropriations Committee ought to be encouraged to get a proposed bill out a little more quickly, so that we are not harried. I don't offer amendments to it because I don't have their insight, and I don't know how everything interacts and reacts, besides I've failed too many times in the past, but we are spending the money of the people of the State of Nebraska. This is not...

SENATOR HALL: Time.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...not our money, only to provide services. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Schrock, your light is next.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Chairman, members of the Nebraska Legislature, I probably entered the appropriations process as naive as any member of the committee, and I kept asking myself, where can we cut, and I think when it comes to fiscal matters, I'm as conservative as any of the other 48 members on this...in this body, and I kept asking where can we cut? Well, ethanol is a new initiative, and everybody says we've got to fund ethanol. We have money in here for engineering professors at UNO, expanded program. Who wants to cut that out? University