

full debate on that issue and so I don't that at this time any further debate would be necessary on that particular issue. This amendment provides for reduction of about \$3.6 million of the budget and it is \$3.6 million of a larger amount of money that we need to find somewhere else before the process is finished here on this bill. Finding that money will be tough because everyone has their projects for their consistency and I'm sure they would like to see them pass, certainly, as I would. And I don't fault any of us for specifically being particularly bound to a certain cause that we had. I'm in the same position. But somehow we have to find the courage to make the cuts. The thing I want to emphasize is I'm not here to pick on my friends from Omaha. I realize that they have their priorities and certainly they're entitled to their say and I...I do applaud them for the hard work they have done in getting this issue and getting this amount of money put into the University at Omaha for the Engineering College, for the enhancement of it. But you know after I heard some of the remarks on the floor earlier this morning, I began to believe that we need to look at all our options and this happens to be one of those options and I decided maybe that we should take a look at it. Having said all of that, I, instead of going forward with this particular amendment, I would like to ask to substitute the Bromm amendment that's on your desk and take that up.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Vrtiska has asked to withdraw his amendment and substitute the Bromm amendment. Any objections? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I object.

SENATOR CROSBY: There is an objection so the substitution is not ordered.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, then I'll go ahead with my amendment. It doesn't make any difference to me, I guess. I could talk for a half an hour on this and I don't suppose it would pass anyway and I know there are a lot of things that need to be done on this bill. I just felt like that in bringing this bill before the body it was an opportunity for again to take some money out of the budget that many people seem to think is going to have to be done before this can be passed, and we need to take a look at the different options that are out there and decide which ones are important and which ones are...I know they're all important, but certainly some are more important than others and it's going