

don't have to be as involved so they get involved in some other area and it kind of gives them a reason not to be as involved. So I'm simply saying that if we cut back on some of these areas, if we stay committed, if those individuals who don't want to cut out the government tax dollars that we're putting into these areas, if they're sincere about that commitment then they can get involved and get people within their communities involved in those areas and take a little bit of their time and save a little bit of the government tax dollars, and I hope that happens. I would ask you to support this amendment. If you don't start...we've got four amendments following so far filed to follow this...my two amendments. This is my first amendment. I have another amendment, and between...if you count all of them, it's only asking to cut another two hundred...approximately \$260,000 and one is even asking to add money to it. So you're not going to have many more opportunities, I'm just telling people who are concerned about the cost of the budget you're not going to have many more opportunities to do anything at all about it. And I guess, as in Senator Wehrbein's...you know, I guess they don't really...it doesn't matter to them if they can't do something about it, they're just going to hand it all over to the Governor and let the Governor do that. I am not an individual who wants to do that. I was elected to represent the people in my district and across the State of Nebraska who are concerned about these issues and I was elected to make these decisions and I'm willing to make these decisions. I've always been willing to make it and I've...I have also, Senator Chambers, I have voted against some of the economic development that I want in my area in the seed program, the seed money, the \$6 million, realizing that people just can't afford it right now and that those areas also need to be held to the monies that they have already had previously. So it's kind of across-the-board belief that you can't just stand up here and say what you want anymore because people can't pay for it anymore, so it's not a question of what you want, it's a question of what we can afford, and I know we can't afford this budget. It's more than people can afford. We've got more sitting on the floor than they can afford, the ethanol monies that I think that we're already obligated to. It's a contract that we were already...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...obligated to and that people built their businesses on that obligation and you just don't turn around and