

the talk and telling everybody how we're going to fight unfunded mandates and passing these big resolutions that cost more tax dollars, that you're going to send a big contingent to go fight the Constitution of the United States, maybe you could put a little bit of your vote where your mouth is and vote for this type of an amendment that actually tells the federal government that we are not going to comply with the motor voter mandate, that they sent no money with this mandate and that our state did...it did cost the state even though I received letters from both Exxon and Kerrey telling me that it wasn't supposed to cost any money, just like most of the other mandates at every level, they're not supposed to cost money when they're.. when they're passed, but somehow they just end up costing money and this one ended up costing half a million dollars for two years. So what I'm doing is asking you to take the money out of those agencies that we gave it to to comply with motor voter, tell those agencies that they do not have to comply with the motor voter act and that the State of Nebraska will wait until some of these other court battles are done and I feel will be successful in overturning the unfunded motor voter law that was passed at the federal level. You have to admit it's an interesting amendment and I hope that individuals will support it. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Robinson, on the amendment.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I stand to support the amendment, and that's all I'm going to say, but I wanted to talk on the last amendment and...in a general way, and just...Senator Brown got up and said, well, we have a balanced budget. Well, we have to have a balanced budget. And, Senator Wehrbein, I have a question for you. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yeah.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Of the 17 million that's allocated for A bills, now if we didn't use any of that, that would be subtracted from the 5.7 increase. Is that correct?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR ROBINSON: That's correct. So that's, what, close to 1 percent, isn't it? So we would be under 5 percent. Is that correct, if we didn't use any of that? As far as the increase in budget, it would be fairly close, wouldn't it?