

maybe seriously look at our fiscal responsibility and propose some cuts. What it ends up is the Governor ends up getting to either make the glory or possibly, and I think that's what it's going to be in this case, is the Legislature is going to get labeled as the spenders. The Governor will come back and show some support from the public that he will make the cuts. What my amendment does is what the Appropriations had proposed is in the three programs about a 30 percent increase and in the PEAP program, which is primarily for the private colleges, 117 percent increase. I looked at these and kept it in the same proportion as terms of what the Appropriations Committee and reduced the increase by about 10 percent in the SSAP and the SAP programs and the PEAP program would still be getting an 81.6 percent increase in terms of the biennium. I had considered pulling this, looking at the body, but I ended up and I decided I wanted to offer to the body a chance to look at this. I have tried and tried and I think that these programs are important, but I've tried to work out some kind of arrangement with the Governor's Office in terms of making a statement that these programs need some kind of an increase and if we, as a body, make a slight reduction that potentially it will be left alone in terms of veto, I didn't get any firm fact that it would be, but I feel that we can go forward and I just think that this would be one of...if we show an effort to make some reduction that this possibly would be one of the last items that would be...fall to his veto pen. So with that I'll try to answer any questions and would like your support.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Avery. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: If I could, I'd like to ask Senator Avery a question or two.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Avery.

SENATOR LYNCH: My old friend, Mike, I don't intend to put you on the spot, but I am curious about a couple of things. Do you know how much money we give in Nebraska in the form of student aid to kids that are going to school here in the public schools, who do not live in this state? Do you know about how much money that is?

SENATOR AVERY: I don't have that...that figure...

SENATOR LYNCH: Well, I have got it. It was a facetious