

will, the Governor will come back and spread the red paint over it but, hopefully, that some of you feel the same way about the budget that I do, and I would like to see you vote red. I would like to see about 18 or 20 votes up there to send a message, and I have talked to 25 or 30 of you thought the budget should be cut, and now is the time to send a message to the people of Nebraska that everyone is not...that everyone does not want to spend 6 percent on the budget, which it probably will be. And I will be honest, I will probably vote for one or two more things. So I'd urge you to vote against LB 392. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Just briefly, Madam President and members. I support the proposal, the amendment, the proposal by Senator Withem, primarily because I believe we've had lots of discussion on this, 14 hours or plus. I simply would like to move on with the bill, so that we can get on to the other issues that Senator Chambers particularly wants to get to, as I understood. If I felt there hadn't been adequate discussion, I wouldn't support this, but I think there has been extensive discussion and I think it is simply time to move on so that we...we can get to the other pieces of the puzzle, because this simply isn't all of it. This is operations of state government as it is now. It is the way the rules are now, it's the way the statutes are now, and if some of you are disappointed in the increased spending, some of the time for making the cuts was way back in February when some of the cuts that were offered were not taken, like \$12 million worth. They were not taken then. So those of you who are inclined to express your frustrations, remember that in some cases those were also the cuts that were not taken back when it was. And so the bill that the Appropriations Committee has presented is the way the law is now, and to take cuts that have been offered in many cases takes a law change in other committees, not the Appropriations Committee. It is true there are some that can be taken, such as university, some things like that that would not take a statute change. But many of the significant changes, we would need to make the statute changes in other committees. They were not done or they were not offered, one or the other. So I know and understand your frustration, and many of us in the Appropriations Committee felt that same frustration in not being able to make some cuts that I think we, as a group, would have liked to have taken, but they were in other committees and beyond our control, and so we had