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these various decisions and all of these nine different earmarks. Now, having said that, if you don't want to spend the money on any one of these, all you have to do is wait for the appropriations bill to come around and reduce the appropriations. Yes, the money will go into this fund or that fund by virtue of the earmark, but you don't have to spend it. You can just say we want to cut this one by 50 percent, and you do it and the money sits there like a reserve fund. You don't have to go through this process. There's going to be a tremendous upset out there. I mean just with regard to the city of Omaha, for example, they've programmed that \$22 million into bonds for the Riverfront project. We gave them the go-ahead on that. We made a commitment as a legislative body. They ought to be able to count on it, and they're not going to be able to count on it. And everybody seems to be confident that, oh, yes, we'll reappropriate this money to take care of the buildings, Senator Vrtiska, but you know the Appropriations Committee has cut \$4 million out of \$13 million that should have gone into building renewal because we didn't have enough money to do that. But if you want to take away this earmark and risk more of that being cut you can do that, and more of it probably will be cut. So I hope you'll think about all of those things when you're thinking about this. It's interesting that for these individually nobody would give them 25 votes, but somehow if we put them altogether and do it massively what's not good for any one of them...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...is suddenly good for all of them. But I don't think that's good practice. I don't think that's good legislative practice. I don't think the reputation of the Legislature is going to go up any at all doing things this way. And I think that the Appropriations Committee has a good program for you and I hope you'll listen to it before we start going off in these kinds of directions. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise, also reluctantly, in opposition to the amendment because,