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SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm a politician. We're in a political setting. Political decisions are found in each one of these earmarked items. And I'm willing to defend the one that I believe in, and will tell you why. I'm not going to get noble, speak in altruistic terms, none of that. It will just be political hardball. Somebody threw a ball to hit me in the head with it, and I eluded it. But then I come back. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Janssen, you're recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ooh, we're going to get by this one pretty quick, aren't we? You know, we made commitments...we've made commitments for K-12 education. We've told the schools that, yes, we will fund up to a certain percent of your budgets. We've made commitments to Health and Human Services. Yes, we will help fund these programs. They're all worthwhile. But now we're starting to think, ooh, maybe we don't have enough money to take care of K-12 education; we're going to have to renege on how much we're going to kick in from the state from sales tax and income tax on how we're helping to fund K-12 education. Oh, we're going to have to cut back on the university. You're going to have to cut back, because you're not going to be able to get enough funding. We may have to shorten up the stay on people in a hospital. We may have to see too that no one can get a tooth pulled and end up...for 90 bucks, and end up costing us \$3,000 when that poor fellow with a toothache goes to the hospital and the emergency room. Those are the kind of things that are going to happen. But when we funded this...and that's why I felt it was necessary that I bring this idea to you, because I did fight it very vigorously. I didn't think it was the right thing to do then. I thought that the city of Omaha should at least had enough intestinal fortitude to handle that project themselves. And I agree with Senator Chambers. They wouldn't do it. Why wouldn't they do it? I think I have a very good idea. But that was a poor solution that they had. And I think that it was wrong for us to do this in the beginning. I think right now we can rectify that. I don't know how many votes I'll get. I probably won't