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has not and does not intend to impound duly authorized expenditures by the legislature, although I may heartily disagree with some of your actions. The separation of powers are more important than who happens to be Governor, or who serves in the legislature at a given time. In closing let me advise that if and when, significant Federal funds are actually lost, on important people orientated programs, there will be sufficient time to call a special session, if absolutely necessary, and request legislative appropriations to cover any especially vital areas, that might be impaired by decisions from Washington. The cost of a special session would be far less than funds which you may now prematurely authorize, which might be unnecessarily spent in the event that Federal funds were not withheld. I am sure that the information that I have provided this morning will be helpful to the legislature. With you lies the sole responsibility for appropriations, which actually set tax rates in Nebraska. It is my hope that you will respond favorably to my recommendations, which coupled with the very latest figures available, will not only prevent a tax increase, but allow reductions. Thank you very much for your time and attention.

PRESIDENT: Thank you Governor Exon. The Committee will escort the Governor from the Chamber. The chair would like to call to your attention that just as soon as we can clear the floor and get the Senators in their seats that we do have a considerable amount of Final Reading this morning beginning with LB 68. Senator Carpenter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Before we get down to Final Reading, I want to make a couple or three motions pertaining to Final Reading and any of the other bill on this Board.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. While we are getting ready for Final Reading, the chair would like to take the privilege of introducing 18 Seventh and Eighth Grade students from the Byron Public Schools of Byron and they have seven sponsors also with them. Their instructor is Mrs. Jarald Brown. They are seated in the south balcony and I think that's Senator Maresh's district. At least, they have indicated this and there is Senator Maresh down there. He is waving at you. We are delighted to have you here today. In just a few minutes, you will understand the Constitutional requirement that needs to be fulfilled. We will go on Final Reading and when we do every word of the bill, of course, must be read by the Clerk and the Senators must be in their seats and the Constitution requires this. So, there is no debate allowed on Final Reading, also, unless someone decides to make a motion to return the bill or something like that. In other words, you'll probably wonder why there isn't any dissent or any arguments but it is because the bills are in their Final stage over here to my left. Once again, the chair would like to request that you clear the floor. I know that the press is anxious to get some comments and I am proceeding slowly but I do want to just herd things generally towards Final Reading.

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Once again, we are attempting to clear the floor in order to move towards Final Reading here. Well...

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The chair would like to recognize Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, I listened with a great deal