

now if we adopt Senator Barnett's motion, is to go back through this thing. Ask questions about the Governor's budget and as one of the three branches of the Government in the State of Nebraska, to exercise our responsibility to lead and to present alternatives to the Government's--to the Governor's budget. If we're saying the Governor's budget will not work, that it's wrong, then we have a responsibility to present alternatives and not simply to let a catastrophe happen as many people were gambling yesterday so let's go back to our normal order of business.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Cavanaugh, then Senator Chambers. Still speaking, of course, on the Barnett motion which would rescind the Carpenter action of yesterday.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, of course, this motion brings us back to yesterday and yesterday I think I made two requests of this Legislature. One that we go slower on our action on this budget and that we look at the budget. It seemed to me that we were elected and sent here for the purpose of appropriating funds for the operation of this State and to appropriate those funds after scrutinizing the purposes for which those funds were to be served--used and evaluating the various ways in which those funds were to be disbursed, to set priorities. That yesterday was an extremely unpopular position in this body. The other position that I took was the same one that we're faced with again today, is whether or not we owe any responsibility to the people who would be affected by all the other bills that have been introduced and heard and considered by this body this year or whether it is more responsible of us to say that none of that is important. Well, if it's not important this year, it's not going to be any more important yestyear--next year. As a result of--of my request yesterday, my good friend Senator Mahoney rose and pointed out that I was a kid and that I was too young to be listened to and that the mature thing to do was to pass a \$200,000,000 budget without looking at it and I suppo--I presume that that is the same mature position that we're faced with today so I think I'll sit back here in my youth and my ignorance and sit--but I can go back to my people and say, I wanted to look at this budget, I wanted to evaluate the needs of this State and I wanted to serve you but you have a mature Legislature that looks at it differently.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Chambers, then Senator Simpson.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. I'm not standing to laugh at anybody this morning. I think the issue is far too grave. There may be a time in the future when maybe there's some levity and I would refer back to this situation and laugh. I think what Senator Barnett did took some courage because everybody took, the position they took was very strongly behind that position and he has opened the door for other men to reconsider the action which we all knew--most of us knew was unwise and taken in haste. I'm sorry that--oh, Senator Barnett is here. Senator Barnett, I'm not going to laugh at you. I'll give you great amount of credit for what you did this morning. That is not really germane to the issue. I support his motion to defeat the Carpenter mo--amendment of yesterday, his motion. I had asked Senator Carpenter a few minutes before Senator Barnett made his motion to free the Legislature and he said he wouldn't do it. He told me to do it and I told him I could not because I was on the losing side and I could not offer the motion. I think this issue is bigger than Senator Carpenter, it's bigger than me. Whether I would laugh at you or not shouldn't make that much difference anyway. I'm just flesh and blood. I'm just one man like you are. My opinion, how much is it worth? It's worth