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or this person occupying this position at this time has not had to call people back too much because generally the body is very cooperative. This is a very wide-ranging subject, of course, when you visit about the whole budget of the State of Nebraska and I'm sure we're all cognizant of that. Why don't you proceed with your questioning, Senator.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, the effect of that remark, Mr. President, the only thing that I can derive from that after having sat in this body for over two months is the fact that this is the first time that this has occurred and I am to presume that I am the first person that has asked a question that was beyond the scope of the topic and I don't, certainly don't feel that my questions to this point have been beyond the scope of the topic and I feel that the chair is certainly being over-restrictive and certainly selective in selecting me out to scrutinize each of my questions and determine their relevancy when the chair has not found fit to do that on any other occasion yet this year. But thank you for your ruling and I'll proceed. Senator Stahmer, if I can phrase this question to be acceptable to the relevancy of the chair, we'll try and start again. Do you feel that these specific amendments, let me start with that, that we are considering would improve the present budget?

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr., Senator Cavanaugh, I would say absolutely they would improve the budget.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Senator Stahmer, as a member of the budget committee, these specific amendments were not recommended by the budget committee, is that correct, as in their present form?

SENATOR STAHMER: Not in the exact form as perhaps introduced by the Governor. The various subjects were taken up and in general most or some of them were incorporated in our own amendments.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Senator Stahmer, I'm going to try and ask this question and see if I can get away with it. Generally, do you think that the budget in its present form without these amendments would properly and adequately serve the people of the State of Nebraska?

SENATOR STAHMER: Senator Cavanaugh, no.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Thank you, Senator Stahmer, I think that's probably all I can get away with and I thank the chair and I think certainly we should return these, return 259 for these specific amendments to make it both acceptable to the Governor if that's what this body feels its only responsibility is and certainly to exercise even a minimum amount of responsibility in this whole budgetary process on our part.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Cavanaugh, for the diplomacy that you've displayed in the questions which you asked and the chair would not want to prolong any sort of exchange but I would call to your attention that there have been other people in the body who have stood up and who have attempted to ask questions at the wrong time and on points of order have been closed down. Chair next recognizes Senator Carpenter, then Senator Chambers, then Senator Nore.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, to simplify this thing and after Senator Goodrich, in part, he says there's no other way except this. The Governor of the State of Nebraska who introduced the bill yesterday which he has a right to introduce as many as he wants to, for a share of the revenue sharing funds which I took on myself this morning to refer upon my own responsibility to the Appropriations Committee. Now he can