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point I've ever heard, more services and less taxes and I expect the general public to believe that but when some of us start believing that we can provide more services at less dollars, I think we're in trouble so I would suggest that if this is the vehicle to open this up and to look at those dollar bills up there, those A bills and make a judgment on the merits of them, I'm ready to go with this approach. If there's an alternate approach -- proposal to it, I'm ready to go there but I think we need to put all the little games aside now and get down to whether or not we want those bills to pass on the basis of the merits of the bill and I would support Senator Chambers or anyone else who would propose a method to open this up.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, Mr. President, I don't know whether this is a game or not, I never exactly looked at it that way. In times past and I have told this body this before, you probably didn't listen or you didn't attach any significance to it but the Governor of the State of Nebraska, Mr. Exon, was in complete agreement with every motion and every move I made on this floor. He was in complete agreement with the motion I made and in order to accept his budget as it was, he was in complete agreement when that was done to adjourn sine die and leave all the bills where they would be at that time. He told me personally that the four amendments there was so much concern about, he would like to have them but they were not necessary and he could get along without them. Now he is the one who joined in with my procedures and he was in full agreement at every time and I advise this body of this at the time it was going on. Now this body was not irresponsible in any sense of the word. Neither was I. I accepted him at his word. He felt that--I told him, then I said, now I don't think the Legislature will do this but you never can tell what a legislative body will do. Now if anybody is responsible for the passing of this bill in its form, it was the Governor of the State of Nebraska when he came in here on a Monday morning almost unannounced and told us the facts of life. We accepted his version as a challenge and to let him know whether or not he could do what he indicated in his speech and previous statement he would like to have the opportunity to do and I think this body ought to just get away from the fact that somebody somewhere along the line slipped up on his blind side and gave him something he didn't want because he wanted everything he has been given up to this particular time. Now while I'm talking about it, I might as well enlarge on capital expenditures. It's my understanding that Senator Fellman, as a result of the Governor's request, has a bill which would reappropriate in the detail of all the money that has been not expended in the area of capital expenditures. We amended LB 510 on select file to do that but there's some question about the validity of whether we can do it in that bill and there is an amendment which is on your desks this morning which would strike that out and leave the bill in its original form. It would be my understanding that I--acting for the Executive Council, would refer this bill to the budget committee where it would normally go.

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