

indulge each other during this period of temporary insanity. Some people ask me am I going to the "nut house" and I say that I am coming to the legislature. Since I am a member of the legislature I just laugh and sometimes I say yes, and sometimes I say no, depending upon what mood I am in. So if anybody not only wants to offer the motion that Senator Proud has but if they would like to entertain Senator Stahmer's motion seriously that we also abolish the budget committee, I'm in favor of going on and letting him offer an independent amendment and we can consider that. Then I would be in favor of offering a resolution to cut out the praying and you all ought to let me consider that. So when we dispose of Senator Proud's motion in the way that we should, which is to defeat it, then anybody else with a motion of equal merit which I think his has none, should be allowed to make their motion.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator DeCamp.

DE CAMP: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I see that we are back at our favorite sport which is calling ourselves names, which as I pointed out before doesn't dignify the body. Another habit that we have seemed to develop in here is that at any time we want to oppose any spending measure then whatsoever, for any cause we say that this money could be better spent, and then the next thing that we say is that this money could be spent for the poor. We are neglecting the poor. We never exactly point out who the poor are or where this money for the poor should go but we are all sure that whatever item that we have whether it is a new penal reform system or something else the poor have a higher priority. Possibly sometime it should occur to some of us that the taxes that we are spending come from the most part from the vast middle class. The vast middle class expects something in return for some of the money that they put down here. Now I am not the need to take care of the poor, but when that becomes our sole priority and we neglect the middle class then we are not serving our function. Now Senator Proud indicated that all of these projects didn't really serve the vast amount of poor that we have or the middle class and the people were not getting what they were paying for. So lets just look at a couple of them. I think that the bulk of the money, over half, may millions is for new prisons and diagnostic centers and things like this. I can think and I I don't think that Senator Proud can submit to me any item that he can name that more directly serves every single tax payer across the board in the state. The poor the super wealthy and the vast middle class by an improvement in penal reform by rehabilitating and by preventing crimes every single individual in this state is served. Now another thing that Senator Proud criticized is that some of these projects were way out in other parts of Nebraska as I understand it. What I am going to say next is going to shock Senator Proud and stun him, and possibly he won't believe it. But it is a God's truth that outside of Omaha and Lincoln there are other parts of Nebraska with real live people who pay taxes and who expect things in return for these taxes. They expect roads for example, they expect things like the Minatre project and yes Senator Proud, they even expect things like the Dam at Neligh, even though as you said, it is modest. The state of Nebraska and the Federal Government already have about a quarter of a million dollars

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