

Committee, I would say that this does not criticize you one bit. On the contrary this shows the flexibility of the Legislature in saying look how rapidly conditions have changed in the last sixty days, interest rates and everything else, credit cards, the whole works. You were putting together that budget from the very beginning with the philosophy of a 7% increase, or whatever it was, the world is a different world than when you started, we are treating everybody uniformly and trying to reduce. Now if we can save the 5% here and then on the other budget bills as I say we are talking 5% on \$650,000,000 we are talking, well anyway \$35,000,000 or thereabouts, \$32,000,000. That is a good hunk of change. It is going to be important, important come July and August. It also clearly tells Nebraskans who are paying these taxes, hey look, Mr. and Mrs. Average Nebraskans, we are treating government precisely as you are being treated, we are cutting back. You have to pay higher interest as your cost, we are cutting back the net available to them. I believe that they can find, I don't believe that anybody can say that each agency can't find ways to save that one dollar out of twenty. As I say it is uniform across the board. One dollar out of twenty. And they could find ways to save it. Let me just finish by saying if we do do this, I think that it will be a clear signal, a clear signal to everybody that we are now in the stage of contraction of government rather than expansion of government. It is a new world, a new era as far as legislators are concerned. When you walk in here you stand the risk of having your program eliminated in the future and we are going to be very careful of where our dollars go. It puts the burden on every state agency, every aspect of government to find a way to economize. I urge you to support the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, a couple of three things, these kinds of amendments are usually tried every session. There is some logic from the point of view that you make supposedly across the board cuts and if you presume that every priority was right that then perhaps you are doing it equitably. There are two or three problems with it, however. One, as I read your amendment, Senator DeCamp, it merely states that an agency shall not spend more than 95% of its appropriation. Now under the method of setting taxation of course, you would, following a law they would have to use a 100% appropriation for collecting taxes. So there is no reduction in collection of taxes at least as