

is being suggested in Senator Beutler's motion is that half of the reduction be restored. He is not asking that the full \$200,000 be restored. This is an accommodation. The public can be shown that the Legislature has made a cut in its own budget. There was a \$490,000 cut in the renovation amount, I think, that would be available so we are going to travel cheap as far as the hearing rooms are concerned. When some of Senator Clark's friends come from other states and they see this fine edifice from the outside, they will walk in and see that we have the Abraham Lincoln logcabin decor in the hearing rooms. It will be chilly. The walls are unattractive. There is not adequate lighting but this is the environment in which the Legislature of Nebraska chooses to work to show how cheap and tightfisted it is. So that has been done. The \$490,000 has been cut off. There will not be the renovation. We are traveling cheap. \$200,000 was cut for staffing. What we are asking for is that \$100,000 of it be restored. If the money is not spent, it is not going to be put in anybody's pocket. The state is not going to be diminished in terms of what revenue it has available. The money can be reappropriated next year or different arrangements can be made. But to take a step like this, as everybody has said, during the eleventh hour is not a wise move to make. Despite tentative assurances by Senator Warner and Senator Lamb that there shouldn't be a problem, there could be one and I, for one, am not prepared to sacrifice the help that I have. When Senator Newell says staffing will be his first priority, if a cut must be made, there is nothing he can do about that. The money is not going to be there. Maybe we should start saving these aluminum cans, sell them for deposit,...

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and sell pop bottles for deposit and put a little egg money or whatever you call it to the side. I don't think it is a wise move and I hope that the other Senators or enough of you will give some consideration to what it is we are supposed to be about and adopt this amendment. It will only restore half of what has been cut.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the return of 761 for specific amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. I would like to announce that under the South balcony are guests of Senator Wagner. There is 9 students, Future Homemakers of America, from Ord, Nebraska. The teachers are Mrs. Batenhorst, Mrs. Simcox, and Mrs. Christensen. Will you stand and be recognized please? Welcome to the Legislature. Have you all voted? Record the vote. Senator Beutler.