

back there and nobody really listens, nobody really cares, and the fact of the matter is we are not the best at listening either. The fact of the matter is I wonder how many of those people who are hurting now and want Washington to listen and want Washington to understand that what happens in Nebraska affects what happens in New York City or San Francisco or Miami. I wonder how many of those people really recognized a few years ago when many of those cities were suffering problems, whether it be from racial tension or whether it be from high unemployment, that that also affected us even though we seemed to be far removed from it. That is the kind of message we have got to get back to those people that what is happening here is going to affect them but, yes, we understand that what happens to them affects us as well. We have not done that very well in the past. I hope we start that communication with this effort. You know what happened with the civil rights movement? Many people in rural Nebraska thought that didn't affect them and now suddenly they are wanting people in the cities to understand that what happens on the farms affect them and I suggest that both cases are true, both are affected. As I said at the outset, I have difficulties opposing this because I understand the frustration and we all have frustrations, and I appreciate Senator Schmit bringing this issue before us but I urge you to adopt this motion to strike number five from the resolution and then in the end I am going to vote against the entire resolution. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Pirsch, did you wish to speak to the amendment?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Members of the body, I rise to support Senator Vickers' amendment to strike five and I shall read that to you just so it is clear what it includes. "The cost of providing transportation, lodging, meals, and any other expense borne by members of the Nebraska delegation, including the members who are not Senators, shall be borne by the Legislative Council." As Chairman of the Intergovernmental Cooperation, I think perhaps I should speak and tell you that we are nearing the end of the fiscal year for our budget and our budget, to be honest with you, is very, very slim. I had figured that when we were discussing whether to send 10 or 20 that sending 20 Senators for cabs, meals, hotel, plane fare, and so forth, would be anywhere in the neighborhood of fifteen to seventeen and, of