

Instead of 300 they have, they are appropriated 300 as far as number, but because of the turnover, they have vacancies during the year and it really only works out to about 275 people. There is 25 people that are left. As your Appropriations Committee we take that into consideration and we cut that salary limitation down. So if all the agencies fully funded all of their employees for a year round situation, our salary limit...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: ...would be much higher than that for those agencies. The Legislative Council is an agency that does do that, has historically done that. It makes it very much a part of the rest of the agencies. To say that the \$715,000 belongs to the Legislative Council, in my estimation, is a misnomer. It is just because they have been treated so differently in the past years. The \$715,000 belongs to the State of Nebraska, belongs to us as a body to decide how best to spend it. I believe that the reappropriation for capital construction, if you will, types of operations in this year when we have so few funds to try to do so many things with, I think is inappropriate and I would hope that you would see it as I do and not allow this amendment to pass.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, whenever we have a discussion like this you can see the tension develop between those who feel that they have to maintain a certain budgetary level and those who are trying to let the Legislature have the means to properly do the job that we're supposed to do. The conditions under which you work play a great...have a great amount of significance on how well you function. It has been discovered that if you paint rooms certain color the moods of the people in those rooms will be affected. If you have a run down, ramshackle building there is a tendency to believe that what happens in there is run down and ramshackle also. The amount we're talking about is \$700,000 more or less. The amount that Senator Hannibal is dealing with would boggle the mind by comparison, \$846 million. You could lose \$700,000 very easily in that amount. It could be frittered away and will be frittered away on other programs. The Legislature, ever since I've been down here, has put me