

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, it would appear to me that this body is not too interested in examining LB 722 and the intent language in it. After all we're only appropriating here with general fund and cash dollars of what, \$1.9 million or billion I guess it is, whatever, and so obviously we're not that interested. I guess I'd just ask to withdraw that second amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Do you have anything else on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion from Senator Chambers to reconsider the vote on the Beutler-DeCamp amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this is one of those matters which we cannot allow to pass this morning without acting favorably upon it. Think if you will about the contact that the public actually has with us as a Legislature. Sometimes people will sit in the balcony, but the most intense conduct...contact, if you can call it that, is at the committee hearings. Those people are the ones who sit in the iron chairs. They are the ones who are subjected to the, in some instances, almost unwholesome surroundings. I hope that you will reconsider the failure to adopt this amendment. There comes a point where I can understand people talking about don't spend money for this, don't spend money for that, but in the scale of actual values, not cost, not price, but value, what the Legislature does for and with itself means more than the failure to expend \$700,000 because somebody may say the overall economy is tight. There are going to be other propositions, maybe not on this bill, but others where people are going to get a combination of senators sufficiently large to amend in some money that currently is not in the budget. I know there will be arguments given showing the validity of it and the necessity for it. I don't think any of those matters should have a higher priority than what we are talking about here. The courts in this state in Lincoln and Omaha especially, I don't know how they have done in the other parts of the state, used to look like dingy little places where thugs, cutthroats and crooks get together and cut deals and the calling of that a court was just routine. They have changed now the demeanor of