

## SENATOR MOREHEAD PRESIDING

SENATOR MOREHEAD: The Chair recognizes Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Madam Chairman and members of the Legislature, I am rising to call to your attention, on the second page of the amendment, Agency 13, State Department of Education and the \$100,000 that is removed from the School for the Deaf and the School for the Visually Handicapped which was taken out. As a representative of the district from which the School for the Visually Handicapped is situated, I plum goofed and did not protect them at all in the committee. It was not intentional, it was just a plain, pure common oversight on my part. But I really feel guilty about it. It is money that has been in the courts for some time and was finally decided. After it was decided, and they need it desperately by the way, I'm not sure we are going to keep too many of those teachers because of the difference between the public school system in Nebraska City and the surrounding area and the School for the Visually Handicapped. I wanted to call your attention to that particular item that is going to be very detrimental, but by the same token my loyalties to the Appropriations Committee, and my cooperation with that committee in trying desperately to come up with a balanced budget, I will not try to amend to put that back in. But I really feel guilty about it and it is just an area that I know really needs it desperately, as I am sure there are others. I just felt duty-bound to make a public statement relative to that fact because it was nobody's fault but mine and I accept the responsibility for it. Thank you.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Thank you, Senator Carsten. Seeing no other lights, Senator Warner. Excuse me, Senator Goodrich's light just came on. Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Madam President, members of the body, I think it would be appropriate to divide the question and leave that School for the Visually Handicapped, \$32,865, vote on that separately like we are going to vote on the rest of them. So if I could move to separate that one out and we'll vote on it independently.

CLERK: Senator, can you identify for me what section that is, please?