

funding for their other activities with the exception of the four identified. The amount of the reduction was \$104,000, leaving about \$72,000 for the continuation of the commission in those areas that I have described.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Thank you, Senator Warner. Before we proceed to the next speaker, I'd like at this time to introduce, in the south balcony as guests of Senator DeCamp, 35 seventh and eighth graders from Orchard School in Orchard, Nebraska, and their teacher. Will you people please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for joining us today. At this time there is an amendment. I'd like to recognize Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Madam President, as we've gone through this list this is the first one that there's been an attempt to simply lower the amount of the cut but still leave a cut. So the amendment that I'm offering to you is in the Journal, it is in today's Journal, page 2350 and I have passed out some information to you about that amendment, but what I'm attempting to do is to restore \$58,003 to the Coordinating Commission. And I'll have to tell you that if this proposal, and Senator Warner mentioned that about cutting the funds out entirely...Madam President, would you mind exercising your...trying that out for a change.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Senator Vickers. (Gavel.) Please let's have order in the Chamber so we can hear Senator Vickers on his amendment.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Madam President, I knew you were itching to get to whap that thing once anyhow so...a couple, three years ago, if the Appropriations Committee would have attempted to strike all the funds from the Coordinating Commission, I probably would have helped them because I came to a conclusion after the years that I was down here that we either had to eliminate the Coordinating Commission or give them some tools, make them do something. And last year this body passed LB 981 and you have before you a copy of a letter that I received from the Governor relative to an amendment on 204 and, if you'll look at the bottom paragraph, the Governor refers to LB 981 of last year and the procedures for program review and for assessment of higher education that was enacted in 981. Without these additional funds that I'm attempting to put back in for the Coordination Commission they will not be able to follow the