

home. There is still some inflation in this country. I think that there are some areas that we can't cut and we shouldn't shift, I think, the state aid to schools. If you cut that some more, you are going to have to raise property taxes. We've already cut the University and the state colleges, and many of the other institutions. I'd urge you to reject this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler. We are on the main amendment. Senator Beutler. There we are. Then Senator Vickers is next.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature...

PRESIDENT: May we have order in the Chamber, please. (Gavel.) Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think I'll wait, Mr. Speaker.

PRESIDENT: All right. Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I'm just going to point out couple of things. First of all, there has been a couple of comments made about how we'd ought not be doing this because the Appropriations Committee put a lot of work into it, a lot of time in it, and I don't dispute that. I know that is true. But it seems rather strange to me that we would treat appropriations bills as though they were somewhat in a position, when the Appropriations Committee came out with them, as though we ought not deal with it any further, and that somehow we are slapping the Appropriations Committee or doing something against the Appropriations Committee to attempt to amend the bills out here on the floor. It doesn't work that way with any other committee in this body. I don't know why it should with the Appropriations Committee. I recall last year when we spent...this body spent hour after hour dealing with amendments on LB 994 that came out of the Education Committee. I don't know as anybody stood up and said, hey, the Education Committee sent a bill out here and everybody ought to leave it alone. We had all kinds of amendments to it. Same thing is true with 662 this year. A lot of bills come out on this floor that are dealt with by the members of this body. I thought we were all elected by the people to deal with all of the issues that are before us, and, obviously, the budget, the appropriations is one of those