

out the ten or fifteen or twenty million bucks that we are looking for. If we can't raise the money, we have got to cut it and we have no alternative except, in my estimation, across the board.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Nelson is next, but may I introduce a guest of Senator Marsh, please. Under the south balcony we have Mr. Oka Mahendra, member of Parliament at Bali Jakarta, Indonesia. Would you please welcome Mr. Mahendra to our Legislature. Welcome. We are happy to have you with us today. Thank you for visiting us. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I, too, considered this. I asked about it and what was wrong with delaying the takeover. Being a new senator, I was not in on, of course, the debate and the discussion last year. I also felt, as Senator Schmit said, I probably would not be knowledgeable enough to carry this through, but as being an outstate senator, I see nothing wrong with asking Omaha and Lincoln to maybe pick up the Municipal Court. I understand the biggest problem is as Senator Chambers has said, it is under way. We are talking about 60 or 80 employees that really don't know what their status is. Well, I guess outstate there are a lot of us that really don't know what the status of our income or job would be either. But I, for one, yesterday did not vote for the 2 percent across-the-board increase simply because I thought that it would be too severe on some particular programs, institutions, and so on, but again I believe today that I would vote for an across-the-board 2 percent decrease, or whatever is necessary, because to specifically cut one program or the other it is difficult.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Conway, please. You are the last speaker. Okay, thank you. Senator DeCamp, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, the amendment is very serious despite my intent and attempt to make a point. Remember, this was the first proposal of the Kerrey Administration for cutting the budget. And, remember, Senator Beutler pointed out that "the Judiciary Committee killed the proposal". Remember, there are four attorneys on the Judiciary Committee and this bill deals with the Muny Court system and it was Senator Beutler's original bill that got the funding paid for by the general taxpayer. I am not