

questioning the wisdom of it. I am just trying to make you aware of the fact that it isn't as if...it isn't as if a committee that maybe didn't have just a little bit of particular feelings on the subject gave the Legislature a chance to review the whole picture. Yes, if you adopt the amendment, obviously, we follow up with whatever change in statutory language is necessary for the delay. But when you say you are going to target this and you are going to target that and you are going to do this specific thing, I simply say if you can't do the most clear-cut ones, if you can't, for example, delay starting a new program, if you can't delay starting a completely new multimillion dollar program, pray tell how are you going to cut all the existing ones where our responsibility already exists? I think it points out, it points out quite lucidly the fact that we will as individual legislators come up with cuts that cut the other guy. For example, this is Senator Beutler's particular pet project and understandably he is going to defend it and I don't blame him. I am just saying this is a clear one, a program that doesn't even exist yet in terms of paying for it, a program that is direct property tax relief for one group when probably they need it the least right now because they have just got their new sales taxes here in Lincoln and other things specifically, as they say, for property tax relief. If you are not going to do these, then how do you expect to do it otherwise other than one way, across-the-board cuts, which is what we tried yesterday and failed? So I urge you to adopt the amendment. As I say, it was the number one pick of the administration for cutting costs. The fact that the Judiciary Committee lawyers happened to kill this particular proposal doesn't necessarily mean that it doesn't have any merit. So here is \$5 million, \$5 million permanently. You won't have to pick it up next year. If you decide to go ahead with the program next year, fine. But it is \$5 million...what is Regina laughing about? Anyway, \$5 million you don't have to pay for this year. I urge you to adopt the amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Point of personal privilege.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, state your point.