

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR DECAMP: They are getting in my knickers a little bit now with the rural stuff. So I am going to vote against them because I don't think they are an equitable or fair way to make the cuts. I am going to vote against them. If the 2 percent comes up again, I suppose I will support it. I think it is a good idea if you are going to make the cuts. Otherwise, as I say, I think it is time to send the bill over, find out where we are.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, Senator Hefner and Senator Beutler.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator, we have an amendment. Thank you, but we have an amendment to the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Higgins would move to amend Senator Beutler's amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins, please.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to move or amend Senator Beutler's amendment to make it a \$5 million cut in the University of Nebraska's budget. I don't think going less than 1 percent of a cut is any kind of a cut to even talk about. I have just verified with Omaha's lobbyists and Mayor that the City of Omaha which has over 350,000 population has a budget of \$86 million. The University has a budget of \$470 million. They don't plow streets. They don't provide police protection, fire protection, sewers, or all these other things. But \$470 million. How many people do they educate a year? How many employees do they have? I sat back and chuckled to myself when I heard, this is not a bloated budget and we have done everything to cut back. Now I am going to show you something. You see this. This was cut out of a beautifully bound magazine printed by UNMC and it is...the story is written by the printing manager himself and in it he says in ten years he had seen some changes in the Med Center's printing equipment and employees. Get this! He actually says he went in ten years from eight people to twenty-two. Not bad. But then he goes on and he says, they