

should come up with a budget. We should send it directly to the Governor and forget about anything that we may want to do because we seem to be of the opinion that we shouldn't do any cuts. Now I voted for every cut that was presented on this floor and I will continue to do so with the exception of state employees. I disagreed with that and I will continue to do that. I will support this amendment because it's taking out the blind, the visually impaired, the handicapped and human services in the aging. Those are programs that we should not cut. They've been suffering enough. When we can stand here and say that we should go on with capital constructions, we refuse to cut the universities, Senator Wesely stands up and defends the universities constantly. I might say here that it's very difficult for me to vote for a cut for the medical center. I've spent a lot of time there in the last six months and I can tell you the work they're doing there and the students there are tremendous. They do have a good school, a good medical school and it's very difficult for me, especially when I get the bills from the medical center. If I was at any other hospital in Omaha I would probably be charged twice as much as I am with the medical center and I see the type of people that go there and the people that cannot pay that are getting services at the medical center. So it is very difficult for me to even vote for a two percent across the board cut when it involves the medical center in Omaha, but I am willing to do that and save the programs that affect people themselves like the homestead exemption for the elderly or the handicapped or the state employees. But when we say that we should not cut anything and send it over to the Governor, we sit here and look pretty ridiculous. I can see the headlines now after this is all over with, Governor cuts \$30 million in spending. Who is going to look bad? Every morning it's for and against, who's voting for the cuts, who's voting against them, and believe me, just like in the Charlie Thone days, in the Jim Exon days, you're not going to stick it to the Governor, you're sticking it to yourself because it's in the paper daily and they're asking, what's the matter with you people? Why aren't you cutting? Why aren't you doing your job? But we're coming back and saying the Governor should do it. We should sit here and argue whether or not these amendments should go through, but we're the ones that are going to look ridiculous in the end and Governor Kerrey is going to look like the hero and believe me, it not only happened with a democratic Governor, it happened with a republican Governor. And the Democrats