

what he came up with. I think it makes a lot of sense. It made a lot of sense to 23 of you last time around. If we get into this business of this exclusion or that exclusion all we're going to do is lose ourselves in a morass of confusion. Let me read to you what some of these exemptions are and what's amazing about this is that these are the very things that I'm sure Senator Wesely...(interruption)

PRESIDENT: May we have order, please. The conversational level is too high. (Gavel.) Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: School for the Deaf, School for Visually Handicapped, mental retardation, blind rehabilitation, mental health, Nebraska Veterans Home, Nebraska Center for Children and Youth, employee retirement to make up the unfunded liability and state claims. I think that those are reasonable exclusions. You could argue that others should be excluded. You should argue that some of these should not be excluded. I'd be interested in what ones Senator Wesely thinks should not be excluded, but to get into that whole argument is to lose the vision, if your vision is to preclude a tax cut. So once again I urge you not to consider this type of amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner, do you wish to speak on the Wesely amendment? Very good. Senator Hannibal, Wesely amendment. May we have order in the Chamber, please. (Gavel.) Senator Hannibal. Before you begin, Senator Hannibal, excuse me, let me announce that Senator Lowell Johnson has guests in the north balcony. There are 40 fourth graders from Howard School in Fremont with their teacher. Please stand and be recognized and thank you very much for coming down to the Legislature. Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. President and members, I rise in support of the Wesely amendment and I need to tell you up front if you don't already know I am against the two percent across the board cuts, but I think it's important that you understand exactly what this amendment is doing. You can be in favor of across the board cuts or against the across the board cuts, but if you're going to take a position you need to be understanding of what you're doing. Now Senator Beutler's amendment says we want a two percent across the board cut in all these programs except, and then he lists about 10 or 12 programs on there that for whatever the reasons they have been put on there as to be excluded from