

of public education. You wouldn't be coming in and cutting \$500,000 to municipalities and to counties and to NRDs and to all of these things that make government function. I only want to tell you one more thing and I don't know how many of you are aware, but in this little beige handout that came last week we showed you that you're committed in '86 and '87 to around \$28 million along with the deficits. Along with the deficits in '86 and '87 you're going to be looking at a budget of \$860 million. Now do you want to take it all up at once or are you going to spread it out? I don't support the two percent across the board cut, Senator Beutler, and I applaud you for your efforts. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I rise again in support of Senator Beutler's amendment. During the course of the session we've had a lot of interesting debate on various different issues. Senator Hartnett and myself, we sit back here and we listened to a large number of the debate, but probably the most constructive discussions that we have center around what we read in the newspaper, particularly in the sports section and we've spent a great deal of time analyzing the different basketball powers throughout this country and probably the peak of our interest occurred during the playoff session where the different teams were involved in the NCAA playoffs. We followed the Hoyas of Georgetown, Villanova, St. John's, the number of different teams discussing what were the real powers in the NCAA basketball tourney. In a way it is analogous of what we're actually doing here today. I don't think a lot of people, at least myself and Senator Hartnett, we really don't pay attention to the basketball season until the playoffs hit. I mean they have the regular season out there and it is interesting and you follow who is on top of the conference, but you really don't get your interest until the playoffs start and they get the 64 teams in the NCAA tournament. Well that's kind of the way this Legislature works. We have two seasons. We have the regular season where we discuss the budget bills, we discuss different bills that come before the body. We've discussed a number of different tax issues such as the gas tax, the omnibus tax bill, LB 715, but as far as I am concerned, this is the playoffs. This is where we decide the bottom line, whether we are going to increase the sales or the income tax and