

amount they had last year or just exactly to what amount does it apply to?

SENATOR VICKERS: The 2 percent applies to the total amount appropriated to them less those exclusions that you see in the book, less those exclusions you see on page 2458.

SENATOR HABERMAN: All right, so if your amendment is adopted, there can be more exclusions added on to it?

SENATOR VICKERS: Certainly.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: You have about two minutes left, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: No, I'm through. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Finished?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT: Okay, thank you, Senator Haberman. Now then we have redetermined the order of speaking here by the virtue of the lights that are turned off. We've recognized Senator Labedz. Senator Hannibal, do you wish to speak on the Vickers amendment? Very well. Senator Pirsch. Senator Pirsch, do you wish to speak on the Vickers amendment? Apparently not. Senator DeCamp. Passing. Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I'm going to keep my remarks this afternoon very brief because we have a lot of business. I oppose Senator Vickers' amendment. I oppose it for one reason, one important reason. His third section says that the governing boards of institutions of higher education shall not increase tuition rates in an effort to compensate for the reductions. The tuition rates at the University of Nebraska Medical Center should be increased. In fact we have learned that about...we could easily increase our tuition rates at the University of Nebraska Medical Center by \$1 million so that we would then be competitive with what non-Nebraska medical centers or medical schools charge. I think for us