

subject. No one has even discussed the individual items in the committee amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: We've had equal as far as both sides have been represented. I'll put the question to you and see whether you want to...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, how many have discussed it on each side?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Three on each side. Just a minute. Two for it and two against it, one took their light off.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, this is a \$15 million item that eliminates a number of agencies, and I think it is more important to the people of Nebraska than another 15 or 20 minutes, or a half an hour of time.

SPEAKER NICHOL: It is immaterial which way you vote. The question has been called. I'll put it to you, you can vote it up or down. So the question is, shall debate cease? Have you all voted that care to? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 12 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Warner, would you like to close, please?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, just two or three things I want to say, one is that...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Just a moment, please. (Gavel.) Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you. I would hope that the body would keep in mind that the committee had viewed, over a period of several months, what they felt was adequate or minimal, is really what we talked in terms, for some programs to remain. We reviewed them again when we come in with the first 9 million or so of reductions. So if there was some feeling that we had not spent time reviewing those, we, I'm sure individually felt that we had spent a great deal of time over the last four or five months in doing it. Our aim was to, one, was to reduce the base for the future. Across the board cuts we've done before, but I can tell you that you inevitably get most of those cuts back in budget