

philosophical notion about education. This Legislature doesn't care a pop of the finger for education. You can look at our level of education in the way we express ourselves as demonstrations that education certainly doesn't mean anything to us, at least as far as we personally are concerned. So we bring up those kind of ideas only when it suits our purpose, but what Senator DeCamp is trying to do is keep this package from unraveling because they don't want the 2 percent across the board to be considered. That is what they are all talking about now. If you vote for any of these amendments, you are going to break that package and we will then have to consider an across the board cut and not selectively taking these weak little programs, destroying them and giving whoever wants the one-upmanship that position. I hope that you will adopt this amendment. It is not going to break the budget. It is not going to result in a tax increase. It is not going to do any of the things they talked about.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It would take a combination of circumstances to achieve that and that combination of circumstances can only exist if a majority of us so desire.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins, please.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President, colleagues, I was going to talk on something else of another frame of mind until I heard Senator DeCamp and Senator Chambers' remarks. Senator DeCamp talks about duplication at UN-O and UN-L and that maybe we ought to move in a different direction. I will tell you one of the things we ought to move in, I wish I could remember the name of the course but one of my constituents called me about six months or a year ago and said, you know, I think it is grossly unfair that my son goes to UN-O to get a degree in whatever it was, but before he can get the degree, he has to spend the last year in UN-L; why can't they do it all at Omaha, why should I have to pay board and room for my son to go to Lincoln to get the degree that starts in Omaha, why should I have to pay all that extra expense? You want to talk about duplication, I think that is worse than duplication. That is saying no matter what you do, Omaha, Lincoln wants a piece of the pie and we don't care how much. The working man and working woman knows today to survive in the coming years you are