

in favor of this. He likes what the budget committee has done. He is for this. He wants to cut the school lunch program. He hasn't said he doesn't. He has people over there telling him what this committee has done and what the Legislature in lock step and rubber stamp fashion is going along with. So he wants to take from the school lunch program to show that he is a tough guy. I don't think that takes toughness at all. I think it would take toughness for him to tell the budget committee that they decided to go about doing a job and they did the best that they could with what they had to work with, but they brought the wrong tools to the job and as a result what they did was unsatisfactory.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It does not comport with his principles and ideas of how a government should function and the services that ought to be offered to the citizens. Maybe he will go out to western Nebraska and tell them, well, I couldn't stop them from abolishing the Mexican-American Commission, I couldn't stop them from abolishing the Indian Commission, you know how they are over there and the people I guess will just with down cast eyes, say, yes, we know how they are but we thought you were different. But nobody is really different. This is just a terrible exercise in needless, pointless, cruelty, but I intend to work with you and labor with you, try to stir your pure minds and persuade you that what you have done is not the best thing. And maybe if I persevere long enough, I'll be able to break through.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time. Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, to give you the rationale for the one percent that were excluded...that were included, the one group of them which was special ed, wards to the court, homestead exemption, were excluded this time as they were excluded in the first \$9 million reduction as their entitlement programs. You build them right back into the deficit, if you reduce them now. The other four programs, three or four there that were excluded on this go around were essentially alcohol and drug aid, mental health and mental retardation, was that all three of those programs, while they are aid and someone is going to challenge what I say here now too, but essentially in those three programs while the aid goes to a