

with me. But if you look at page 8, agency number 34, program number 302, you will see aid to libraries. And they are being cut by an amount of \$5,746. Now we had a bill in here not long ago that was absolutely insane that would have allowed the SWAT team to shoot you if you were accused of stealing something from a library. Senator Vickers and I worked very hard to get that bill killed. Then while we were not looking, those who love library books so much that they are in favor of the SWAT team killing those who steal library books got that bill resurrected. Now am I to believe that you were being dishonest when you resurrected that bill and you were just pretending that you were concerned about library materials? Now you are going to cut \$5,746 from the libraries. Why? Don't you really love books? I do. I like books. Next to children and a few other things, I like books. Books are very good, some of them, others like people are very bad. And some, like the majority of the people are indifferent, just nondescript. You read them and you don't even remember what you read. Just like when you come to the Legislature, you vote and don't even remember how you voted. There are nondescript presidents who have written books. There was an entire period in American history where there was a series of presidents and it is like a blank and nobody remembers their name and if you gave their name in a vacuum, people wouldn't even know what they did. They would probably think they were somebody who played for the Nebraska football team, had been red shirted for about six years and then were too old to play and somebody told the NCAA so he didn't play. But really he was a president, but nobody knew. You find those things out by reading books. Books are found in libraries. A lot of what the Legislature does, and being the representative and spokes whatever it is, of the people, deal in symbolism. There is a symbolism in the Legislature cutting money from libraries. It is not only anti-intellectual, it is anti-literary. And, again I don't want us to use our relatively modest standards of literacy as a basis by which we judge everybody's literacy. There are people who go into museums, there are people who go into libraries, some people go there to sleep, some go there to look at the people who come into the library, some go there to read, some go there to study, and there is a difference between reading and studying. You find this difference out by reading books. There was a man named Bacon, I think it was Bacon, and he said that some books are to be just sampled, others are to be chewed and swallowed. The