

has been laid out very carefully by those who have talked. I am pleased to note that all of you are listening carefully this morning. I would suggest that maybe the reason you are is because this particular issue does weigh heavily upon you and the decisions that you have to make weigh heavily upon you, and Senator Hannibal and I have discussed this at some length, and he and I agree that one of the issues is not whether these agencies are good or bad. Indeed, we probably both feel that they are very good but here we depart a little and probably because of the mandate that was given to the Appropriations Committee. Is or are these essential or not for government funding becomes the question between the two of us. Now I guess I say that if it is right, it is right and we should fund it and I do believe that these agencies save us far more than they are costing us. As the amendment is now drafted, we are talking about \$328,000. We are talking about \$328,000 as compared to a general fund commitment to social services for \$124 million, or to UNL for \$165 million, or to the Roads Department if you consider the Highway Trust Fund for '43, almost 144 million. \$328,000 in comparison to those general fund commitments? That is hardly anything. Now I know it is difficult. I don't imagine anyone of us could come up with \$338,000 (sic) just by walking across the street and signing our names to a piece of paper but, nevertheless, this is a commitment on the part of our state. Now we talk about 40 votes and Senator DeCamp talks about 40 votes, and I would ask you in this case to adopt the philosophy of Senator Warner and we have all seen him do this over and over again, and I think we all admire him tremendously for it. He does not necessarily agree with the program or he does not necessarily agree with the bill, but when it comes to the A bill, he says if the majority of people in here want it, then let's fund it. And over and over again, you will see him for an appropriations for a program which he has not necessarily supported. So I would ask those of you out there maybe who do not particularly want to support this, even though I think it would be the uncaring way to go, I would ask that if the majority of this body returns for this amendment, adopts this amendment, that you as a legislative body then say it is the will of the majority and, therefore, cast your vote as one of the 40 to extend one day as opposed to a special session and allow this bill to be read. If I had the power of some of the people who talk before us, I am sure that I could sway you emotionally to this issue. If I had the expertise of Senator Chambers or Senator Johnson,