

the Board of Regents or the Board of Trustees to some kind of a tongue lashing for having chosen some other item than what was discussed extensively on the floor. As far as the balance of the amendment, I think the options have been well laid out and each of you have to make your individual judgment. I would suspect that...oh, that is enough.

SPEAKER NICHOL: I would like to introduce somebody under the south balcony that I see sitting over there, Senator George Syas of Omaha who served in this body many years, Chairman of Recreation and so forth. George, good to see you again. Thank you. Senator Wesely, then Senator Lamb.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, I don't know if any of you have ever been in a situation where you have run into something, kicked something, and somehow hurt yourself, and for a couple of seconds, it is like you do something, you sit there going, did I just hurt myself, and then about five seconds later the pain starts in and then grows in intensity as your nerve endings reach up to your brain and you realize what you just did to yourself. In a sense that is kind of where we are at on this budget. We just kind of kicked in a way some people and they are numbed in a sense with pain. They don't know exactly how to feel it at this point but they know something has happened to them, but the pain will really start in in a few weeks and a few months as the budget takes effect on July 1 and as we see exactly what the implications are of the budget as we pass it. And I think what we are doing here is sort of damage control because there is going to be many more programs than we are talking about with this amendment that are going to be felt by people across this state very negatively and they are going to be very upset about the situation. These are just a portion of those cuts that are going to hurt people and they are going to feel that pain in a few weeks. But we are saying at least in these areas which are the most sensitive of all, we have to try and make some arrangements, some accommodation to continue these programs in recognition of their validity. Now, we didn't want to be in the situation this morning to try and make this proposal. We tried yesterday and we tried last week to try and work something out. There wasn't much common ground. This proposal is a compromise. It only provides half funding. It is a very severe cut in the funding for the three agencies and for the displaced homemaker but at least the recognition of these programs as being valid and