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PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman, do you...you didn't wish to speak, did you?

SENATOR HABERMAN: I call the question.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. It won't be necessary because there are no other people on, but thank you, Senator. Senator Higgins, do you wish to close?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Just briefly, I can appreciate very much Senator Vickers' remarks. I have to say that I agree with him that when someone does decide to take off on their own, either to have a speaking engagement or to run their business, or for whatever reason, perhaps the state should not have to pay their expenses. But there can be instances where I think...such as the one I pointed out. Now at the time I was in Germany, but what if I was in California. Again I'm speaking about the fact that when you have a Governor that gives you no notice, and you go out of town, why should you have to pay the expense for coming in for a special session? It isn't quite fair when you've taken off, gone 1,500 miles, like I might go visit my sister in California. I think the round-trip fare out there at regular prices is about \$600. Then the state says, well, the Governor suddenly decided on 24 hours notice, or 48 hours notice that we are going to have a special session and I just got to California. So now at my own expense I'm going to spend \$300 to fly back to Omaha. And if I want to continue the vacation, I'd turn around and have to spend another \$600, round trip, to go back out to California. So I don't really believe that the senator, if the legislative body votes, yes, bring her back alive, or bring him back alive, if the Legislature, who may or may not be privy to all the circumstances why a senator is gone, if they are the ones that are going to decide to bring you back, then I think in effect the state should pay it. But you know Senator Vickers made an awfully good point there when he said what about it when you are out making money for yourself and choose to do that rather than represent your constituency. He makes a very good point there. Now, Senator Vickers, you've given me mixed emotions. But I'm thinking about the cost ~~for~~ long distance. In the case that I cited about senators who choose to go home and run their business, remember, they are still within the State of Nebraska. So I think based upon