

level down, please. Senator Goll has guests in the north balcony. There are 36 students from Tekamah-Herman High School and they are accompanied by their teacher. We are very happy to have you here. Hope you enjoy your day. If you will stand, we would like to have a look at you and recognize you. Thank you. Now then on the Rod Johnson amendment to 1251. Senator DeCamp, Rod Johnson amendment, Farmers in Transition.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I oppose the proposal. And that may sound inconsistent since I just gave a vote, in fact I guess the 25th vote, to put the Mexicans and Indians in. I will make no secret of my reasons and my motives. Everybody knows that from day one I have been trying to get rid of all three commissions, worked with the Appropriations Committee last year to do them, and we did. When you started piecemeal to put the Women's Commission back in, I felt it completely inappropriate then to say because they have the political power and the clout, you drill the others. That is not fair. I will offer an amendment and I will offer an amendment to strike all three of them and I hope you will support it, but it is totally hypocritical, in fact, it really does border on what Senator Chambers claims here a lot of the time when I say he is wrong and full of beans, it borders on racism. It borders on the whole idea of strictly on basically an equal situation, these, because they have more in numbers and more geographical distribution, they get theirs, but the others don't get theirs. And so for that reason I voted for it and I am going to try to strike all three of them. But on this particular program, the Appropriations Committee has appropriately and properly put in a significant amount of money, and if we start redoing the budget bill, which we are doing, one piece after another with everybody's favorite deal, you are going to get to a position where all the tax increase you are going to pass, and you are going to pass a half cent sales tax increase, you are going have absorbed that and you are going to have locked in another big base for next year that gives you another financial problem. It is an oft heard phrase but it is beginning to be something I think we ignore and it shouldn't be ignored, and the phrase is, why can't you cut instead of simply additional taxes? Well, we can cut. We can make the policy decision that this is not the year for employees salary increase. There is 11 million. We can go from 4 percent to 3 percent. We can do some hard things, but we are never going to get into that mode if we remain in the mode of continually new expenditures. So, painful as it is, and I realize it will be looked at as "antifarmer", "antiagriculture", or "antiwhatever". It is not. You have