

done the program in the appropriations bill. They spent a lot of money. And if you add another 20 or 25 percent on each of these programs, you are going to get into trouble. In fact, I think we are in trouble now. So I would urge us to seriously begin considering this possibility, considering everything that occurred yesterday or almost all of it was a big April Fool's joke. In other words, we spent \$2 million but that was April Fool's. Undo it today and undo the three commissions, if you would, and undo a lot of the other things. I urge you to vote against this.

PRESIDENT: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I opened up the World Herald this morning and saw what we did yesterday. I didn't realize that we had spent \$2 million more. I think most of the programs that we put back in the budget were probably pretty good programs. I think that it was probably good that we put money in for the nursing program out in Scottsbluff, the \$1.2 million we put in for the mentally retarded, the money we put in for the Curtis Campus, University of Nebraska. I think that they are all pretty good programs and I think that this Farmers in Transition program is a very good program also. As a matter of fact, I think most of the budget that we are enacting is pretty good and I think it is good for the State of Nebraska. Unfortunately I made a commitment to myself as well as to the people back in my district that I am not going to vote for a tax increase this year, and so up to this point in time, I haven't been a big supporter of these programs, putting additional money into the budget. There was one program that I supported because of the loss of federal funding which will occur, the \$500,000, which will occur if we didn't put an additional \$150,000 in. So I felt that it was rather foolish of us not to put that in if we are going to lose an additional \$350,000 by not enacting the program. I think that the programs that have been put back in are good programs. I suppose that the majority of the body even supports putting in funding for Mexican-Americans and Indians. I suppose that is all right, too. But we are going to have to make a decision here pretty quick as to whether we are going to fund state government to a greater level, and unless you are willing to support an increase in the sales tax, unless you are willing to support an increase in the income tax, or expand the tax base by a sales tax on services, I urge you to think twice whether you are going to continue to support these amendments. I realize it is a little late to be discussing it now. There is only a couple more up there and it is rather unfair to be