

those items I just mentioned, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I think, Senator Wesely, that the accurate reflection of the committee's discussion was that those things that we are recommending are singled out for the very kinds of reasons that Senator Scofield has already mentioned, and because of their direct and long-term significant impact. The other things, and I'd be glad to do them agency by agency, as a general statement none of those really fit that broad criteria of health and education. That was not to say that they were not important. But if something was to be salvaged, in the way of state operations, these are the things that we felt were most important. That doesn't put the others down, it just merely was a case that at least out of this group we should do those and the others can be taken up, I suppose, by individual motions. I'll be glad to discuss them in detail then.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Lowell Johnson, did you wish to speak on this portion? But before you do, Senator Johnson, may I introduce some guests, please, of Senator Goodrich in the south balcony. We have 66 eighth graders from St. Thomas Moore School in Omaha, accompanied by their teachers. Would you folks all please stand and be recognized by your Legislature. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Lowell Johnson.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise in support of the recommendations of the Appropriations Committee. I think in support of that also I would like to share with you some of the inspiring words of another great Nebraskan which might be used also in support of the conditions, the guidelines, and the standards by which our committee considered the total budget during the past months since we convened in January, and I'm quoting in part. Today we Nebraskans face a future fraught with uncertainty, yet filled with hope and power, and wonder. To lay uncertainty to rest will be a strenuous task. It will demand commitments of time, energy, and creativity. It will demand that we accept the risks which may adhere in fresh ideas. It will demand that we face the future squarely, without flinching or hedging. We are only recently emerging from two decades of great, often tumultuous changes. Now we are required to reconsider our priorities and restructure many of our policies in light of those changes. Similarly, the world's economy has undergone sweeping changes. Today the worth of the Mexican peso or the relative instability of the Saudi Arabian government dramatically impacts our