

talked, that there is a broader picture that you have to keep in mind as well as the specifics of the Legislative Council.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Vard Johnson to address the Beutler amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: A very quickie speech, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, but since I served as Chairman of the Executive Board for two years, I learned how important it was to make certain the Nebraska Legislature had adequate funds and I also know that it is important that those funds basically be earmarked as the Executive Board decides. Senator Beutler has done an admirable job in allocating our budget reduction. The Appropriations Committee has altered that allocation. I personally think that is not appropriate. I think that we should stick by legislative leadership by the Executive Board by its decisions and support Senator Beutler's amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Marsh to address the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I rise to give my full support for this amendment. We have already expended dollars necessary for special session. We did not allow dollars to be set aside originally in our budget. We surely should be wise enough, given this day, to take cognizance of the point that we must pay for those special sessions. Therefore, the wise decision for us will be to accept the amendment offered by Senator Beutler and move on to other issues in this budget document.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Schmit to address the Beutler amendment to the committee amendment.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise in support of Senator Beutler's amendment for the reasons that have been given earlier. I would like to point out that the Executive Board of the Legislative Council does, of course, operate in supposedly governed activities of this body. We are well aware of the fact that the problems of the state in this period of time continue to grow and as a result there is going to be additional demands made upon your Legislature. To reduce the expenditures to the point that have been suggested would