

proceed. I think there is some 15 or more amendments filed which I assume will be taken up in the order filed and committee amendments fall in place as whatever their turn is, based on when they were filed. But at this morning's meeting of the Appropriations Committee we again looked at a number of the recommendations that originally had been made. There was one adjustment in their recommendation which affected the state colleges and the University of Nebraska which was to modify the reduced budget from 3 percent in both instances to 2 percent. Someone may ask, properly so, why, what happened yesterday that they changed their minds this morning? Or when? And I don't know if I can adequately say this, but at least from my point of view, you had to be seated in that room the last two weeks as you watched nine people evolve toward a conclusion. We started with the attitude, one based on necessity, that we would make cuts, whatever was necessary, because of short of revenue. And we went through that long process arriving at the point that 7.45 percent would be necessary in order to create a reasonable position for the Legislature and the state in 1986-87 budget. And as the discussion evolved, it was more and more frequently said by some member, that there was going to be devastating impact on some state programs no matter what and that some we needed to recognize had not ought to be made. So I would view what was done this morning, incidentally there was a vote on 1.5 percent instead of 3 which tied 4-4, but I would view what occurred this morning was nothing but a continual realization, that I think was representative of a number of members of the committee, that at least in higher education because of the long-term impact of the cuts made now because they are going to be implemented and are going to impact what is offered, that maybe two was as far as we ought to, in good conscience, go and I'm sure each member will have their own opinion when we get to that, but then we went...and will speak when that amendment properly comes up. The other thing I want to say is that we also adopted, not unanimously, a position of the members of the committee that extends beyond our responsibility as a committee and that was that individually we recognized that a retroactive 1 percent increase in the income tax was a necessary route to go. You've had passed out to you some figures which reflect where we are now, where we would be if some of these things are done before the day is over and you will notice that even with the 1 percent retroactive income tax for 1985 only, if you'll look at the lower left-hand side, you will