

and you've got to give or take a few because it is not a solid vote. I guess my principal concern is, Senator Hannibal, my good seatmate, that I can't figure out anyway to cut myself in on the deal. If I had some way to get the couple hundred thousand out of the 20 million that I was promised for the Water Management Board I might be more amenable to go along with what you are doing, but I've been cut out and it's all gone. You can't rob it anymore. I guess we have to recognize, the statement has been made here, what is good for the State of Nebraska, the University is not the only institution. The state colleges are not the only institutions. I have stood here and I have told you and I am going to tell you again, I told you during the regular session you were going to be short \$30 million to \$40 million. I'm telling you, you are going to be short that much again come January 1st unless something is done, and I have offered several proposals. The bill was heard before the Banking Committee, but unless something is done which will turn around the economy of this state, we are going to be looking at a budget with a front figure of seven instead of eight and I'll promise you that because the time will come and the nearer some of you get to election that you will become more and more conservative and you're going to get back home and you're going to say, well, I did this because education is very important. And somebody is going to say, so is my farm, so is my business. I'm trying to point out that at some point, at some point there has to be 25 members of this body who will represent a constituency that is hurting and when that happens it is going to turn around and only then. I'm telling you very frankly, I don't know, I probably have had a thousand attaboys from the University in the last 17 years for votes I have given one University and they are all going to be wiped out with one all hell today because Schmit is not falling in line. But as soon as you let X number of people off the hook, then the problem is resolved. You are going to get some editorials extolling the wisdom of the Legislature. If the Governor chops you back off at the knees, he is going to get chopped off, it's not going to hurt the Governor. He has made his decision. And I want to point out to you that the numbers game eventually catches up with you and I want to warn my good friends in education that you may get the 2 percent this time, but it will be the most costly million, six you got for the University and I forgot what the state colleges is, than you have had in a long time because come January 1st there are going to be others who will learn how to make