

that system work and the cuts may be considerably greater in January than they would have been otherwise. I am suggesting, as I have before, that we all suffer equitably and we work ourselves out of it equitably. But if we transfer the pain to a smaller group and we diminish the pain to a larger group, you are going to find that the cost is more than you can bear come January. I don't fault any of you for representing your constituencies. That is what you are hired to do, first of all to represent your own district. We're going to talk about being state senators when it serves our purpose to do so and I've done that, but the point is that those of you who live in Lincoln, in Omaha, in a district which contains a state college, have a natural constituency there which you need to protect. But I suggest you also have a constituency which is greater and that is the entire economic health of the State of Nebraska, and unless we act in a manner which will reverse the situation which we are in today, you cannot keep protecting one or two or three entities.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Half a minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: It is only a matter of time until it comes crashing down. Now, the bucks are there, the constituency is there, the power is there and I accept that. When I can't change it, I accept it. But I am warning you that when the chickens come home to roost, and they will, that the price may be more than you want to pay.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Goll, then Senator DeCamp. We're not even going to turn you on after that.

SENATOR GOLL: I believe we did that once before a couple of years ago, didn't we, Mr. Speaker? Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen, there has been a lot of rhetoric this morning and I don't want to be redundant, but as a member of the Appropriations Committee I believe that there is no one that has anguished more about what we're doing, what we have done in the last three weeks and what we have or have not accomplished. My grandfather, had he lived, would now be, had he still been alive, would now be somewhere around 115 or 120 years old. And my father who passed down a message my grandfather, had he still be living, would now be somewhere around...oh, 87 or 88 and my father said, son, your grandfather said to me, whatever you do, however you can do it, support education. Now, I think at the time my