

CLERK: (Started taking roll call vote.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Just a minute, Mr. Clerk. (Gavel.) May we please have it a little quieter, please. The Clerk cannot hear the response. Those of you in the back, please speak up a little louder please so that we can hear. With the confusion on both sides it is difficult to hear.

CLERK: (Resumed taking roll call vote.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Mr. Clerk. (Gavel.) Ladies and gentlemen under both balconies, (gavel.) Ladies under the north balcony, please hold it down, we can't hear. Thank you.

CLERK: (Finished taking roll call vote.) 4 ayes, 34 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The amendment fails. The call is raised. Do you have anything else?

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Abboud. (Abboud amendment is found on page 176 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABBOD: Mr. President, colleagues, I rise today to talk about a subject that probably has more interest in this body than taxes. I'm going to talk today about Nebraska football. I don't know how many of you went to the game last week, last Saturday against Iowa State, but it was a rather cold day, wasn't the most exciting game. Nebraska overpowered the Cyclones and they are on their way, I hope, at least to a national championship. But while I was watching that game, at least during the first half, it occurred to me that football is somehow similar to what we are doing here in the body in haggling over the budget and the tax issues that we've been talking about. The similarity is that there are rules that we abide by in this body. We have rules that are in the body. We have statutes that we have to follow. Ultimately we have to follow the Constitution. These rules that we abide by also are followed by the other branches of government, the executive and the judicial branch. Now the Governor has to follow certain rules just as Coach Osborne, when he is out there