

So out of all the agencies in this book, the University of Nebraska gets 20 percent of our budget. And I ask you, is that fair? Senator Warner told me it used to be 24 percent. That is wonderful. They are getting one-fifth of the taxpayers' dollars. What percentage of the population of one and a half million do they serve? How many do they serve that don't even come from Nebraska? Now I ask you, can we afford...

PRESIDENT: One minute. One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...20 percent of our budget to go to one entity of government when there are this many agencies to be served? So when you vote on this, you are going to vote to raise the income tax, give 20 percent of the taxpayers' dollars to serve what percent of the taxpayers? Very, very few percentagewise out of the million and a half we have.

PRESIDENT: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Higgins. Senator Abboud's time has expired and we are now ready for a vote on the motion to cease debate. All those...we have ceased debate. I guess we have. We have closed on the motion to cease debate and now we are ready for the motion to return to Select File for a specific amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. This is a motion on the return to Select File for the purpose of striking the enacting clause. Have you all voted? Have you voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 8 ayes, 30 nays on the motion to return, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. What's up next?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Haberman would move to return, the purpose being to strike the enacting clause.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, I will only take two minutes. I want to bring to the attention of this body one thing. In the last 15 years the state General Fund has