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SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, please, then Senator Abboud.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator DeCamp, I can give you another cut that you can make and support and that is the aid to the Omaha busing system. Between 1980 and 1984 we gave them \$1,770,000 a year, a million, seventy hundred and seventy thousand a year of our tax dollars for Omaha buses. Now, Senator Chambers, who rode on those buses? Nobody from Scottsbluff, nobody from North Platte. Omaha people rode on those buses. I also noticed we gave them a million last year. There is 800 but they lowered it to 400 this year. So if you want to stop and start cutting, Senator DeCamp, let's stop that program, let's stop that one. Let's go a step further. We gave \$5 million to the Lied project and a poll showed that 67 percent of the people will never enter the doors of that building, but that was for Lincoln. That's all right, that \$5 million because the people in Lincoln wanted it. That's okay, vote it in and give it to them. Now one senator said they feel sorry for those people in the western end of the state, they feel sorry for them, that they could go to a tech school. Well, they can't go to a tech school to take this and feeling sorry for us in the western end of the state just doesn't pay the freight. We're entitled to just as good of health care, just as good of transportation, just as good as anything else as anybody else in the State of Nebraska. We are citizens; we are people; we hurt; we do everything you people do in the cities, but, sure, there aren't very many of us. So you say, well, to hell with them, cut them, trod them down, beat them down, don't give them their \$100,000 now, maybe their \$100,000 next year, they don't need a nursing program. Of course not, we've got plenty of programs in Lincoln and Omaha, we don't need them in western Nebraska. Oh, yeah, we built a new pen in Omaha, built a new interstate in Omaha, we enlarged the University of Nebraska at Omaha by millions of dollars and 97 percent of the students are from Omaha. Quite frankly, I'm getting tired of giving everything to Lincoln, give it to Omaha, but when it comes for a project for western Nebraska, they don't need it, too much money, they can go somewhere else. Well, it's wrong and you know it's wrong. So I am suggesting as gently as I can, that I don't care for the new program and an old program, that you do support the committee amendment and let's do start the program and let's do have something out in western Omaha, out in western Nebraska, oh, they've got plenty in western Omaha too. So let's just don't be greedy, Senator Chambers, let's don't be