

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...or swimmers, or tennis players like Billie Jean King. I'm just saying I voted against state aid to education the last session because I wanted to send a message to the Omaha Public Schools, get your act together. Where are your priorities? Do you want to teach, or do you want to provide jobs for teachers? They told me the poor children would not be able to go swimming and play golf and tennis if we did not provide it. Poor children don't get to wear designer clothes. Poor children don't eat prime rib and steak. We don't provide that for poor people either. Why is it we don't have little, special things in every school in Omaha? Only certain schools have the swimming pools. Only certain ones teach these various educational things. That is why I am 100 percent for cutting aid to education, because they are not educating. I think they are providing jobs for teachers, but I think the average teacher, and the above average teacher, would say I would much rather instruct, instruct, instruct young people on how to make a living, and how to be better citizens, and how to personally grow themselves.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers. Then Senator Warner.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I supported this amendment this morning. I still support it. I'm going to observe to see what changes occur in the voting patterns in view of what I was informed about going on out in the hallway. Now, sometimes people mislead me. But maybe I did recognize some of the personalities or persons that I had described to me, in here, as lobbying to defeat this amendment. And I was told they are representatives of Kay Orr's administration. Now, if that is true, it makes Senator Abboud look kind of out of it for talking about all the nonpartisanship, and so forth. I had said this is a lying special session, and I stand by it. The issues are covers for underlying currents that are not to be dredged up and made visible to the public. We are talking, in this amendment, about cutting aid to schools. But there is really a power struggle being waged. One of the participants is not even officially in office yet. So, with all that we read about in the newspapers