

those outside the Legislature who are connected with the executive branch got busy and they did that which those who have chips that they can call in on people always do. They called people out and said I want you to vote a certain way and the vote dramatically turned around. Now the only thing unfortunate for the body is that I am the only one who will deal with these issues openly, forthrightly and on the record, for the record. Somebody like me is needed and there are others who can sit back and say, thank God, or whoever you thank, Ernie is there to say it so it will be said because I know it's true, I know it ought to be said, but I don't have whatever it takes to say it. And there are people who come up to me afterward, telling me that they know it is true what I said and they are glad that I said it, but that's not why I say it. The public is entitled to get better than what it has gotten from the Legislature as a whole this special session. Governor Kerrey has the gall to criticize Senator Vard Johnson for trying to get us back here to forthrightly raise taxes which is what we need to do to deal with the problem, and yet, I documented a number of promises he made directly to me and violated. He said, the nerve of Senator DeCamp, where does he get off offering a bill to raise the sales tax? Well, where does Kerrey get off? Oh, and then he said, does he have such a low regard for the public?

SENATOR CARSTEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Where does Kerrey get off doing some of the things that he has done that show a low regard for the people, cutting the mentally retarded, cutting education after traveling all over the state talking about how much he loves it, how important and essential it is, he is going to take a job at Central High School as a part-time instructor from what I have read in the paper, and he shows his love for education by cutting it. There are some things which are symbolic and the symbolism is more important than the reality. A person can undo everything that is said about his love for education by a symbolic act such as that taken by the Governor. We are not the ones ultimately making the decision. Our fingers punch the button, but in some cases there is another will moving that finger to the red or the green button. I'm opposed to all of the cuts.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Time. Thank you. Senator DeCamp, please.

SENATOR DECAMP: Question.