

because we are wasting our money because we are sending them out of the state. One young person was sent out, I think it was 4 or 5 hundred dollars a day, and this has to stop. And as Senator Rasmussen was saying, these young people, they were sent out and they were, basically, all they were, all that happened to them they were warehoused. So, and another thing that happened under Senator Rasmussen's leadership was that we (interruption)...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...the Nebraska School for the Deaf, that was downsized, and we are going to have a better education for deaf children and we are going to save some money by doing it. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Speaker and members, I am going to talk quickly about the process. As far as I'm concerned, I hope all of you Committee on Committees people who get that important responsibility next year will give a means' test to anybody who wants to represent your caucus on the Appropriations Committee, and as far as I'm concerned, if they are not willing to take whatever a Governor, whoever it is, recommends, and cuts out of that recommendation 20 million to 30 million a year so that some decisions can be left by this body of policymakers, as far as their priorities are concerned to carry out, then I just as soon they didn't serve on the Appropriations Committee. I just as soon they weren't Chairman of the Appropriations Committee or person. This kind of a process is bad. The Appropriations Committee put back in about 9 million, and we argued about 9 million to spend, and then we gave back about 15 million in taxes, and we are going to spend a billion, seven hundred million dollars. So all you do is you take whatever the Governor recommends, and then cut it about 20 million a year, then give it back to the Governor and say, now you figure out where you want to make the cuts. We are not going to tell you it should be a percentage, 1 3/4. You take out the 20 million from anywhere you want, and then we leave some integrity for this body to make some decisions. These human, we talked about the probation officers, you know, not being able to survive on 22,000 a year. Do you know how much some of these people make who work in these local programs? Thirteen, sometimes 1 s. They have got a wife and kids too, and some of them have