

degrees, not including the people that are on the waiting lists, and the people we are spending in some case 60 to 70 thousand dollars a year to keep out-of-state because we don't have a road map plan. That's what we've got to do. Please keep that in mind. Anybody that's interested in being Chairman of Appropriations, you are going to have to pass the means' test. Anybody that wants to be on that Appropriations Committee, you Committee on Committees people insist that those people are willing to change the system, to have well-meaning people, like so many of you, argue about which good cause should be served as compared to another, especially when they carry over year, after year, after year. What are we spending, what percentage is \$18 million of a 1,800,000,000 you are going to spend next year, or the projected 1,900,000,000 the year after that? It is nothing. It is nothing. So take it off the top, let the Governor figure out how he wants or she wants to cut it back. Then leave some room, and if we don't have to spend it, good. Give it back so the bureaucrats, who make the decisions about how we spend all the money around the state, can keep it, and blow it, and waste it, and in many cases on things not nearly as important as the issues we are talking about here now. So just keep that in mind. I think it is a terrible kind of a system we've got, it's a silly system. We are worried about ethics. We can't even help people. We can't even help somebody else and it needs to be changed. The old ways don't work. The reformers are probably right as it applies to our appropriations process. So that's how I feel about it. I hope some of you agree with me, and I don't want to be Chairman of Appropriations, so, please understand, I am not running for nothing. I don't want to be chairman of nothing. If I get a few afternoons off, you know where I want to be, but we ought to have people in there willing to do that, and I will, whatever time I have got left, I am sorry, Ardyce, I yield to Senator Bohlke.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bohlke, one minute.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I sat here, I did not plan to rise and speak as to many of the people who received the cuts, but I thought I should take a moment to tell you what I said on the floor before, that I appreciate certainly the work of the Appropriations Committee. It is very difficult. And I appreciate the support that all of you gave teachers in recognizing that commitment, but as I said before, there is not a teacher that I know in Nebraska that would want to take money away from the developmentally disabled or the mental health road