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initiated with state funds for the Gretna Fish Hatchery and I ask you to return the bill and add his amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes, are you ready to close debate on this matter?

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, if there are enough listening now, I will. It amazes me at my good friend Shirley Marsh, who says that you have to have the plans in the basket before you have the basket, or else the others who think that if you bring the basket in, you ought to have plans before hand. The thing of it is that when the University of Nebraska, and I try to be good friends with them, got their hands in it, suddenly the thing went from an aquarium to a nature center to two classrooms to a planetarium, the whole works. If you would allow the University to have what all they want, we would have everything down there including a school, and that might be a good idea. I would probably vote for it, if you would put a twenty million dollar classroom study down there. But all I have on this bill now is \$30,000 with the maximum facility of \$350,000, that's the maximum money they can spend to develop it, and this is going to replace the aquarium that was given to us by a man by the name of Mr. Cobler, I believe it was, no that isn't the name, some 75 years ago. It is good. There is a 4-H camp there. There is a road, we hope, that is going to be built down to it, a good paved road so that we can associate ourselves with it. So all I ask is that we support it. It has a limitation on how much money they can spend and they will put in an aquarium. It is going to handle the fish and take care of the fish that are down to the State Fairgrounds. When you go in there and you look at all those fish, this is, I understand, will be the place they are housed. They have taken fish growing out of here and put it out in Senators district out west. I think we ought to have some recreation area there. I would like to close with that.

PRESIDENT: The question is, shall LB 609 be returned to Select File for specific amendment. Record your vote. Please vote. Have you voted? Record, Mr. Clerk. Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: I think we will have to have a Call of the House.

PRESIDENT: The question is, shall the House go under Call. Record your vote. Please vote on the matter of going under Call. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 14 nays.

PRESIDENT: We are under Call. All Senators please stay in your chairs and record your presence. Would the Sergeant-at-Arms secure the presence of absent Senators who are not excused. While we are waiting for the Sergeant-at-Arms to get the membership in the Chamber, Senator Rumery has some guests in the North balcony. 19 seniors from Hershey High School are here. We also have some seniors from Johnson-Brock School. Senator Wiltse asked that I recognize this group and they are also in the North balcony. Thanks to both of you for coming. We are always delighted to have school groups here.