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SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President and members of the body, what this does on page 52, it strikes section 55 and inserts the Governor's recommendation. What we did in the Budget Committee, we did not take the letter of request that they had, thereby screwing the budget up all the way through for the Department of Administrative Services. We reduced the General Fund amount in the Department of Administration by \$77,000. We increased by \$42,000 on Program 171. We increased by \$50,000 General Fund on 172. We also increased 173 by \$2,000 in there and we also put back in the NEIS system, Nebraska Employee Information System and I would move for the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Any discussion? If not, the question is...Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, how many dollars are involved, up or down, Senator Clark?

SENATOR CLARK: Let me get the total for you. They are checking it right now but I think it is about a half million dollars or better because we had taken the NEIS system out.

SENATOR SCHMIT: A half million dollars additional money?

SENATOR CLARK: Yes. Half million dollars general fund and this was the Governor's recommendation originally, but we did not take into account their letter of request that they had and we, also, in our original decision, took out the NEIS system which is the Nebraska Employee Information System. We put that back in. We already spent a half million dollars on it. They have a \$180,000 left. It takes about \$425,000 to finish it and that is what this does. This is a system that is going to be usable by the Executive branch, the Legislative branch and also the University.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Marvel is standing at his microphone and perhaps he has a comment.

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes. Everytime we meet with these departments they talk about a management information system of some kind. In the Department of Administrative Services, we are talking about a Nebraska Employees Administration Information system. The Department of Administrative Services has been in a locked battle with the University of Nebraska in this area because the University is not been willing to give information on employees. They think if you get it into the machine it can be used for other purposes, evidently. There has been spent several hundred thousands and Mr. Matzke came in and said we should put in the rest of the money which is \$460,000 to \$500,000 general fund money. Now, theoretically, out of all this, Senator Schmit, and you may be as puzzled as I am