

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I think that Senator Frank Lewis gave a little indication as to what you might have done to our Administrative Rules and Regulations Committee. I hardly understand how we can do any travel if we don't do our work at home. Of course that as it may be, I sincerely know that we should be conservative, but I would certainly hope that we would not be conservative to the point where we would damage the effect of what might happen to the people of the State of Nebraska. I would urge you to seriously consider all aspects of this, including that work which is done for the people of the State of Nebraska in other regards, such as rules and regulations.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members. I certainly commend Senator Stoney. I support his proposition. I was one of the ones on the Appropriations Committee that questioned this amount of money for travel. Just wondering, this argument that...give us the money, if we don't use it we'll turn it back in. How about various agencies coming in with that same request? Would we buy that? I don't think so. I question that. I would ask you to support Senator Stoney's amendment.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: I move the previous question.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Call for the question. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 3 nays.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Debate ceases. Senator Stoney, you may close.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I'll be very brief. I do think that by adoption of this amendment we will show the people of the State of Nebraska that we are fiscally responsible. In answer to some of the questions that have been brought about I would make these remarks. Senator Lewis was quite concerned with this proposed reduction, that it might reduce the dollars that are available for the interim studies. I would assure you that my intent is not to reduce dollars so that we cannot conduct our work during the interim. I believe, at the present time, the Executive Board is entertaining 62 resolutions to be studied during the interim this year. I think this amount is less than what we studied during 1976. I would also say that in addition to the interim study, we're talking about dollars that are appropriated for the trips that are made in conjunction with the National Conference of State Legislatures, also the Councils of State Government, the Midwestern Council of State Government. So it is not strictly interim study money that we're talking about. With reference to a point that Senator Barnett made with the reduction that had been made to the total legislative budget, I would just say that we have to look at not the overall budget and the fact that that has been reduced by X percent, but I think we have to look at individual programs. I, in my study, felt that it would be to our advantage to make this reduction at this time. Senator Barnett also eluded to the fact that there will be numerous studies on the water issue this summer. I do agree