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PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Owen Elmer, please, then Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Moore is talking about overfunding of the University of Nebraska salaries. When you vote on this amendment to the committee amendments, vote on it on that basis, don't bring in prejudice for or against another bill. Talk about it, think about it, vote on that issue, is the university getting too much money or is it not. Don't bring your other budget considerations and your favorite bills into this consideration, vote your conscience. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wehrbein, please, then Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, members, I'll just be brief. I, too, totally oppose this amendment and would urge the consideration of the issue on their separate issue. I think it is appropriate to support the University of Nebraska at this stage and that it shouldn't be held hostage for any other situation. We've got to support our University of Nebraska, we've got to send the message. We have talked several times about the situation of perception, and that is the kind of...we are setting a common perception among those in Nebraska that are not willing to support the University of Nebraska. We have an opportunity here to move forward and to do some real good for our faculty, for the faculty salaries, to send a message to the university system that we want a good university system in Nebraska and that it isn't going to be tied to some other issue. So I'd urge your support or opposition to this amendment and total support to the faculty salaries as we move along on this budget that I think has been well-thought-out.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, then Senator Warner.

SENATOR WESELY: I was going to call the question.

PRESIDENT: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 7 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Scott Moore, would you