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SENATOR NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR NEWELL: ...out of the budget. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: That constituted your closing, Senator Newell. We're now voting on the Newell amendment. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 19 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR NICHOL: The amendment lost. Now we're back to the bill.

CLERK: No, I have other amendments.

SENATOR NICHOL: Oh, the Clerk says we have other amendments.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely now moves to amend the bill. (Read Wesely amendment as found on Page 1412 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR NICHOL: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Well, with everybody wishing me good luck this may be very fruitless, but I do want to raise the issue and point out some of the things that are going on at the University of Nebraska and hopefully get some support from the Legislature in the area of solar energy development. This amendment would raise \$36,500 and earmark it for the completion of a project started in 1977 through an act of the Legislature at Mabel Lee Hall physical education facility. What we did in 1977 was pass a bill and appropriate something around a 100 and 70 some thousand dollars to begin to study solar energy and its potential use in state buildings, both new and existing. What we wanted to do was find one project and develop the solar energy potential and in this case it was to heat water and to find out different types of systems and whether they would work or whether they wouldn't work, what the design flaws were, how we could develop in this state the solar energy potential that we have. So we put in \$170,000. We built this solar energy water heating facility at Mabel Lee Hall and it has worked. It has found some very important information out which we can apply in the future to this state. We will be discussing perhaps the State Historical Society and the building that they were going to construct and I don't think that's going to