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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, fellow legislators, Senator Marsh, may I ask you a question please? Could you tell me how many of the 242 students are women?

SENATOR MARSH: I will have that information on your desk in the morning.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Senator Marsh, in the morning will be too late, so I am going to have to say that your appeal was very good and I enjoyed listening to you. However, I am going to have to speak on Senator Newell's side of the amendment as he has facts that it has a 78% drop in enrollment. Now think of that, fellow legislators. We are asking to support a program that the enrollment has dropped 78%. I don't see how we can do that. However, I have a solution that possibly Senator Marsh would maybe consider and let the ETV take up the slack in this program. They are getting over \$3 million. They are in educational television program so let's adopt Senator Newell's program and let's have Senator Marsh go to the ETV people and ask them to pick it up and pursue the program and I ask that you support Senator Newell in his amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I am really surprised at my good friend, Senator Newell, who has always been a strong proponent of education and particularly for those who don't always find it advantageous to take advantage of a campus. SUN is really a part of our extension division of the University system, and if the cost is \$510 per person enrolled, that is probably one of the cheapest games going in this state right now, almost like kindergarten, but for us to nit pick for \$124,000 what is in the University budget, if you want to cut \$124,000, Senator Newell, I suggest you cut it someplace else. This program does have merit. It has been developed and we carry it on cooperation with the University of Mid-America. There are programs that lend themselves to the adult society of this state, but just because some of us don't avail ourselves of those programs doesn't mean we should deny them to others who do, because if there is one thing that this state needs, it might be some additional educational input regardless of your age. So I would not accept Senator Newell's amendment and I am rather surprised that suddenly he has become the conservatist of this body, when in the past his record has indicated that he is one of those who is more liberal. So I suggest to