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Lewis amendment...(Read the Lewis amendment as found on Page 1781 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 5 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: What were you saying, Senator Lewis? Oh. The motion is carried. The amendment is adopted. What other business do we have on it?

CLERK: We're back to the Lewis amendment...

SPEAKER MARVEL: We're voting on the Lewis amendment as amended now. Do you want to close? Senator Lewis. Senator Lewis, will you yield to Senator Warner?

SENATOR LEWIS: No. If Senator Warner wants to speak on the issue he certainly may. I certainly wouldn't usurp that and you know that Senator.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I'm sorry but...Senator Warner, would you like to be recognized? The Chair does not deliberately overlook people. Senator Lewis, do you want to close on your amendment?

SENATOR LEWIS: Yes, Mr. President, I'd like to close in a little more of a less angry vein because that's not my nature and everybody knows it. It's pretty clear that I am concerned about the issue, and let me tell you my genuine concerns, and I've had an internal fight I think here with everybody on this floor, but that does not diminish my respect for you. You know we always talk about the Legislature, and to a lot of people we're a bunch of buffoons, because the press takes what they want out of what we do in an eight hour day, and those things that are clever and highlighted. I, for one, am very proud of the job you do, and you carry it out very well, and I am very zealous of the authority that we have. One of the things that happened to this country over a long period of time is the relegation of legislative authority to the executives. That's probably got us in more trouble in this country than anything that I know of. This is not a dollar and cent matter to me. It's a philosophical matter to me, and I'm deeply concerned and imbibed in it, that you have the authority to call the shots in certain areas, and now by slick attorney efforts before the court, some of our authority has been reduced with the University of Nebraska,