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If anything, this probably is one of the better investments that you can make in the University's budget because of that kind of review of existing programs, and I would urge the body not to support Senator Newell's motion.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Simon, do you wish to speak on the motion?

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, and members of the body, I just have a question, and it doesn't have to be...it could be a rhetorical question, and Senator Newell you don't have to respond, but I was kind of curious. I haven't talked about the Omaha sales tax, but I voted against it, and the comments were made that the city officials told the Legislature one thing and then did another, and I'm trying to understand what the difference is between the city officials in Omaha not telling the truth to the members of this body, and the University officials, and I fail to understand how we can support one thing one time and something another time, and Senator Newell, if you could explain to me why it's okay to lie as a city official, and it's not okay to lie as an administrator for the University, I'd certainly appreciate that.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Marsh. Oh, pardon me.

SENATOR NEWELL: I'd like to respond to Senator Simon's rhetorical question, and I think I can do that very briefly. First of all, Senator Simon, as you may wish to disregard, the rules had been changed when the Mayor offered that proposal and necessities forced him to come back. That's one of the things that creates some inconsistency, but you know, Senator Simon, not only that, but the situation is that this is a program that has been continued for two years past the initial three year period. That's twice the times.

SENATOR SIMON: Well, Senator Newell, I thank you for your comments. I don't happen to agree with your logic. I do happen to support your amendment. I think that certainly in this case the University, as in the case with the SUN program and with this amendment, had made some promises. I happen to be consistent on the fact that promises should be kept notwithstanding any exchange in the circumstances. I would merely remind Senator Newell on the other issue, that the City of Omaha knew full well what the rules of the game were because the Mayor made the comments on the 28th of July. The Legislature passed the lid bill at the end of June. But notwithstanding that, Senator Newell, I for one will be consistent. I do not believe that this

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