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CLERK: 25 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The bill is returned. Now the motion is the adoption of the amendment as explained by Senator Warner. All those in favor of, excuse me, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, before you vote on this, I will hope you give serious thought, because in my opinion the choice we are making is whether you take care of state obligations or increased aid and that is the issue I am talking about and still stay within the limitation, and I am a little nervous, I suppose, to have the amendment adopted to be real frank about it because my personal priority is the state should take care of its own needs first but I have an equal responsibility, I feel. That is the only reason I offered the amendment was to at least provide the opportunity if the Legislature chose to recognize that there is a long term impact from this kind of legislation and that that issue should be recognized as we are establishing policy through the appropriation process. So that you know the issue, I think everyone understands it. I move we vote.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Labeledz, do you wish to be recognized on the Warner motion?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Dworak was correct in stating that we worked very hard. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I voted for most of the projects that Senator Warner is deleting from his amendment and let me repeat some of those as they stand now in the Warner amendment. He has taken out the Ag Engineering remodeling building and that is \$2,756,000 total. He is taking out the Eppley conversion at UNO which is a total of \$2,234,000, also the Theatre of Arts, which is over \$6 million, and taking out the \$25,000 for the Library addition at Kearney. Instead he is adding the chiller on the East Campus, the emergency generator at the Medical Center in Omaha and then adding \$200,000 for miscellaneous renovations. As I stated, I voted when I first went on the committee for all of these worthwhile projects that are in the bill as it stands now. The first go around we came up with about \$30 million for 1980-81. We went back to the drawing board and got that cut down to \$23,600,000, but I want to remind you that Senator Warner's amendment would cut that down to \$18,635,000. That is in the fiscal year, 80-81. As I stated before, I went onto the Appropriations Committee to be able to learn how the budget is formed. I learned my lesson very easily because towards the end when they start giving me the totals and the amounts