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that we were committing ourselves to in the next couple of years, I knew that something had been done. I asked Senator Warner at the time to come up with an alternate proposal. I introduced it in the Budget Committee. Unfortunately we only got two votes, Senator Warner and myself. So there is a split on the committee. They have seven votes for the bill as it stands now and two against. I recommend that we adopt Senator Warner's amendment for a savings of \$5 million in the next fiscal year. The 1979-80 totals are approximately the same, \$20,949,000 to \$20,064,000 but I recommend that we take Senator Warner's amendment over and above what is in the bill now at a savings for 1980-81 plus '81 and '82, which is a savings there of \$2 million. I urge the members of this Legislature to vote for Senator Warner's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we go to the next Speaker, in the North balcony from Senator Vickers' District I introduce to you 18 sixth graders, two teachers, three parents from Oxford Community School, Oxford, Nebraska, Mary Jane Lehmer, sixth grade teacher. Will you raise your hands and show us where you are? Please don't sit on the balcony or lean over. Now for your information I have Senator Wesely, Senator Newell, Senator Schmit, Senator Nichol, Senator Dworak, Senator Lewis and Senator DeCamp. So, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: I will be very brief. Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I was a little bit surprised, I think Senator Warner was as well, at the vote on this Warner amendment and it woke me up to some of the realities of the Legislature that I guess I knew was going to happen at the end of the session and it has finally come to light. The votes we have taken on state aid just a little bit ago, the vote we just took and which we are going to be taking in a minute on the Warner amendment, some of the things we have done in terms of LB 138, all are coming to a focus right now. What I am finding is that, this other issue being University funding as well, in all these issues the Legislature I think can be very proud the way that we have stood up to some of the very most important concerns of the state and that is to hold the line on spending and on taxes. It is obvious that cutting the University budget and not supporting an increase in state aid and now with the vote on the Warner amendment that the tone of the Legislature is to take every step and every measure necessary to hold taxes and to cut spending and I think that is what the people want but I think people also want to see justice prevail. They want to see programs that are necessary main-