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anyway and that reaffirmation which was contained in 593 should be stricken. It reduces as I have said, about \$50, \$60,000 out of the total appropriation and would allow the Legislature to look at that construction as a total new piece of construction at some time in the future but our feeling is that the commitment for future capital construction is as high now as it ought to be made as far as this session is concerned.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch first. Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, it is obvious the World Herald was right Sunday on one thing. That was the names of DeCamp, Marvel, Warner, Lewis will be those names used a great deal this last session and now we are waiting for Schmit. The thing that bothers me here as I look at program 924 and I am willing to compromise. By the way, Mr. King, I am giving you a copy of why I was absent and missed 104 votes. But 924 deals with a Temple Building, a theatre arts building. I understand that the committee was very generous. They cut about \$3,000,000 out of this. Now isn't that great and we are talking about what is important to the State of Nebraska. To me the theatre arts building other than renovation is the only thing we really need. The university owns the Stuart Building. The Stuart Building is a theatre. Why doesn't the foundation put that in shape so it can also be used by those who are involved in the fine arts? But we are sitting here this morning and we are getting a lesson in being frugal and making best judgements, but I submit to you that putting up a new theatre arts building at this time and allocating \$610,000 for the purpose of the plan puts us in a further problem in the next couple years. I keep smoking for one reason because, my God, if I ever quit the state would have to get their money from other sources than a sin tax because we get a million dollars a month out of cigarette tax and it is always nice to allocate it down the road. I thought some day we would get out of this building bit with declining enrollments and look at the things we can renovate and utilize as classrooms and places of instruction but I don't see much of it in 924. I know that is a big argument with the Governor, too. The Governor doesn't think that that new building is necessarily top priority and neither does the Board of Regents. I understand the chiller. I understand a couple of other things but I have to vent my frustration here at this time because