

May 14, 1979

LB 594

there are certain people here who really want that new building on that campus for that particular program of theater, dramatics, whatever else you want to use it for. So in our interests to save \$200,000 here, a \$100,000 there, another \$70,000 here and \$73,000 over here, we are really convincing people of our great ability to save when what we ought to do is go right to the heart of the issue and cut out that building, period, but that is what we ought to do. Just plain cut it out, renovate the Temple Building and use the Stuart Building because they are both viable if you do that but there again we have these pet projects commitments so that is what we are going to do. I know that what I am saying here is not going to do anything to diminish 924 but at least I have to have it on the record and I don't think that is top priority. The rest of you do, so be it. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL PRESIDING

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President and members of the body, I find myself kind of like caught between a rock and a hard spot. Senator Warner, I certainly appreciate all the fine effort that has been made by you and members of the Appropriations Committee and I think I can begin to understand how many hours and great amount of effort that has been put into coming up with this new package before us. I guess the only problem that I have with it is, I don't mean to elaborate because we certainly discuss it enough on this floor but by going along with the chiller that we have told the university, in effect, that while we complained and bitched and moaned about the fact that you went ahead and signed the agreement without the legislative body's approval, we have decided that, you know, we have slapped you on the wrist and now you can go ahead and do that so in the future please feel free to go ahead and sign any contracts that you want because after all we will talk about it for a minute or two. We may complain about it but when push comes to shove, we will relent and we will give you exactly what you want. Now I guess it is really a rhetorical question but I will allow you to answer. How do you expect this Legislature, Senator Warner, to act in the future when we have let the university off the hook and have done exactly what they wanted us to do? You put me in a very compromising position because I haven't spent the time that your committee has. Again, I do appreciate all the effort that has been done but this causes me some problem.

5261