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for the stamp of approval of the Public Health and Welfare Committee and then having Senator Cullan come before the body and saying well we have said to the Department of Health that it is okay for our committee, we gave them the stamp of approval and therefore we can do this. I think that is a very dangerous precedent. I wouldn't expect Senator Keyes to do that on his committee, Senator Carsten to do it on his committee or any other chairman because otherwise I guess I question what is the value of having forty-nine Senators. We can act as strictly by committee. I am going to support you on this but I am very concerned that we are going to undermine the whole process of the Legislature whereby a test of agreements and arrangements can be made by committee chairmen and I am not necessarily reflecting this as an indictment against you, Senator Warner, because I do respect your committee a great deal but I am very concerned that we may be setting a dangerous precedent and as I said before, after all the rhetoric was said and done, after we played games with the university, the point is that the bottom line was that we bow to pressure, we did give them what they want, the university did win. This does bother me.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, fellow colleagues, I have a question of Senator Warner. Senator Warner, you said in one part of 594 your amendment took the Ag Engineering Building out and put the chiller in. Correct?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: What was the second part? I didn't catch that.

SENATOR WARNER: It was an error and I asked unanimous consent if I can amend the specific amendment or have it included in total. At the bottom of page 3 it had program, should have been 913 and it was language dropped before you get to the next one. What that did and we still are talking of net reduction in the bill but it added \$295,000 for what is referred to as the beef barn at the fairgrounds, a building which 309 committee has recommended that no maintenance money be used on it because of its poor condition. It is very questionable of its use and it is a structure of course that a great many people are in during the fair or horse races for that matter, a great deal of expensive livestock