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ago analyzing what kind of replacement policy is used in commercial stations and the dollar amount that we were recommending this year was consistent with what we understand to be the amortized period of life for this kind of equipment in the commercial area, and in view of the fact that we had two succeeding years in which virtually no funds were provided and we know that there is a real need for some of this equipment to be replaced, that we went ahead and recommended the full amount of the \$641,000. I have explained the bills in total. 996, which is the first one as read by the Clerk, the only three agencies affected, and this is all cash funds, the Department of Banking, the Department of Insurance, and the Nebraska Brand Committee, and the total dollar amount is \$120,260 cash funds. But again I would suggest that if you are not going to vote for all of them, I would not vote for any.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, then your motion is that \$120,260 incorporated in LB 996 be overridden. Is that right?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All right, now do all the rest of you have one of these sheets or series of sheets? Senator DeCamp, do you wish to speak to the motion to override the first veto?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I think I need only make my talk once on the vetoes. I have pondered the matter greatly and gone over past years as to what the veto has become and what we have allowed it to do to this Legislature and to the state, and I have compared our veto procedure with other states and I think it has gotten completely out of line, and for this reason my strong inclination at this time is to vote for no veto overrides in order to reestablish the sacredness of the veto and the significance of it and accountability of government. What am I talking about? During the previous years of the Exon Administration, as you all well know, and as the public should know, the veto became strictly a political device and a game-playing device. In other words, things were deliberately vetoed knowing they had to be overridden so that political hay could be made, and we played it and played it and played it, and as a result of that there was no accountability of the executive branch for its actions. Good examples were vetoing the sewage hookup system for new buildings knowing we had to override the veto so you could hook up the building. In other states and in the Constitution, the veto is one of