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LB 999

SENATOR WARNER: Again, Mr. President, as I explained some time ago, this is the appropriation bill for the University of Nebraska and state colleges, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. The policies that I explained earlier are similar to what we proposed here. I urge the body to consider its adoption.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, my vote against overriding is my anti-Krugerrand vote. I tried when the bill was before us to get one million dollars taken from this bill. Now that I have the Governor's assistance in being opposed to the Krugerrands, I think that what I want will prevail today on LB 999. In addition to the Governor, I think that a number of my colleagues on the floor of the Legislature now see the light with reference to the Krugerrands that the University accepted. I know that there have been statements that it doesn't matter where that money comes from, these South African coins, that the University needs money wherever it can get it from. If that is the philosophy, I think that solicitation should be made to dope pushers, to prostitutes, pimps and gamblers because by the philosophy that apparently has been adopted over there the end justifies the means. The integrity of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln as an educational system is being compromised and apparently is for sale. I will not participate in providing the purchase price. Since they are willing to accept the income from a tainted source, I will do all I can to withhold at least that amount from state appropriated funds. So I think that I will have help today in helping to uphold the Governor's veto of LB 999, and my vote is against the Krugerrands.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think Senator Chambers should have looked at the veto more carefully and this override more carefully for this is not a million dollars directed towards the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, but rather it's money sent to the University of Nebraska Medical Center with, of course, Senator Chambers, of course, some leeway to move funds from one to the other. But as I understand it, it's not an attempt to override the veto as far as the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, is concerned. I have supported the Governor's vetoes in areas previously. In this particular