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percent percentage of that. This would be direct encouragement of development of solar. I urge you to adopt the amendment and those that think it is putting money down a rat hole or whatever I think will discover they will be begging for solutions to energy within a couple of years. I am trying to anticipate some of those needs. The heat and energy that is going out of our public buildings and school houses, a lot of it could be saved with using this money for insulation of these things. I urge adoption of the amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator Wesely, do you wish to speak to the motion to adopt the amendments?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, there has been material passed out to each of you. I think you have gotten quite a bit of material in the last few months about the energy issue in Nebraska. We have studied this issue extensively over the interim. The LR 305 study which a number of us participated in found quite clearly the energy problems in the State of Nebraska are severe. They are critical. We are facing a time in the next ten years when you are going to see a quadrupling of energy prices in the State of Nebraska. That is to say ten years from today people will be spending four times as much as they are now on energy. Let that sink in for a second, four times as much. They will be increasing their consumption about one percent a year in that same period of time which is to say almost no increase in consumption will end up still costing people four times as much in price. I think what you are seeing is a crisis ahead of us in the State of Nebraska. You are seeing a time when people who feel the pinch now are going to be absolutely hurt to a point where they won't know which way to turn. The harm that has been inflicted up to this point in the energy crisis is nothing compared to what will happen in the next ten years and the State Legislature, this body, each and every one of you are responsible for doing something about this problem. We all share in that responsibility. There are things we can do in the state level that can improve the energy situation we now are in in the State of Nebraska. There are steps we can take which will head off the crisis we face. We have seen the light at the end of the tunnel and it is a scary light and it is one that I think is going to shock all of you once you take the time to take a look at that future that we face in the energy area. But I think the bill before you with the amendments that are being proposed at this time by Senator DeCamp will for the first time see that some programs get some funding that they need. We are going to see a maintenance of some programs that have started to make a