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LB 560

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we continue, underneath the South balcony as guests of Senator and Mrs. Richard Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Sellin from Norfolk. Will you folks make yourself known so we can welcome you? And from Senator Cope's District, Cope and Kahle, 13 students from Kearney, Nebraska. Their teacher is Larry Lautaret, underneath the North balcony. Where are you located? Up above, there you are. Can't see through the light. Welcome! Senator Newell. Let's see, we are now on LB 560. Senator Newell.

SENATOR Newell: Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator Johnson a quick question.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR NEWELL: Senator Johnson, I have been visiting with a few people and I support your amendment. I think not only is the purpose correct but anytime you can cut back Central Administration is not all bad no matter what your reason is. But I have been visiting with a few people and they are very concerned about the computer.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: About the computer?

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, you have got to have money for the computer, because, you know, computers, those machinery things, they are really good. People aren't near as important as computers and machinery.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Right.

SENATOR NEWELL: And then there is a little money in there for some sort of program that they are developing, some coordinated program in there, too. If we put just the amounts of those two things back in and then, which I don't know exactly, maybe Senator Warner could help or maybe Senator Fowler could help in terms of just how much those two programs are, we might be able to find a little more support for this amendment and, you know, machinery is an important thing. I mean that is a critical need. Senator Warner...Senator Fowler, where did he go? He was the one that was real concerned about the machinery. Well, Senator Johnson, since neither one of them are available for comment, if I offered an amendment to put that back, would you see that as a friendly amendment so that we can have the machinery but in the end try to cut Central Administration, the increases that they are asking for in terms of personnel and other kinds of things.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I don't mind, Senator Newell. I mean