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SENATOR CLARK: Motion lost. What is the next motion? The Call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment that I have is from Senator Haberman. Read Haberman amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it makes me feel good to stand up here this afternoon and only ask for \$146,000. Now isn't that a piddling sum compared to the millions that we spent? What I would like to have you do, is I would like to have you go to Chadron, Nebraska, which is 450 miles in northwest Nebraska out in the toolies. Now in case you don't know what the toolies are I'm going to tell you. If you were in the Navy and the toolies were the furthest place you could be for a barracks in the Navy from the head. In the army it was the latrine and in England it was the necessary. So I want you to figure here you are 450 miles out in the toolies at Chadron State College. I want you to picture 3,945 total credit and non-credit college students out here in western Nebraska. I handed out a map and from almost every county in the state there are students at Chadron. Now they are a special group, they have a real desire to obtain an education. The relationships between the students and the people down town is excellent. They realize they need each other. The staff or the people, the faculty at Chadron is very conservative and very honest. They were given \$95,000 to build a track. The bids were over \$95,000 so they decided not to start the track and then come in and ask for more money. They decided to wait and take bids at a different time to see if they could build it for that sum. So by being frugal and by trying to save money they lost the \$95,000. The budget committee took it away from them. So in essence I'm not asking for \$146,000 I'm only asking for about \$50,000 because they had the \$95,000 that was taken away from them. I would like to have you take the slip of paper that I passed out and look at the capital construction for the past ten years throughout the state on a cost per student. The University of Nebraska is almost \$3,000. The University of Omaha is \$1,475. Peru is \$2,000. Wayne State is \$1,628. Kearney is \$1,100 and the capital construction cost for the past ten years for Chadron on a student basis is \$169. On the total construction, on the total construction there was 62 million dollars in the last ten years spent at the