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University of Lincoln, 20 million to University of Omaha, 10 million to Medical Center, 8 million at Kearney, 4 million at Wayne, 2 million 500 thousand at Peru, and \$667,000 at Chadron. So you can see by the records that they have come up short every time they have tried to do something. Now remember this money is not general fund money. It will not raise the sales and income tax. This money comes out of the cigarette tax fund. Remember what Senator Koch has said on this floor many many times.....

SENATOR CLARK: Could we have it quiet please so we can hear.

SENATOR HABERMAN: The best interest investment that you can make is in our young people. So I ask you to support this request for \$146,000 planning money for an activity center at Chadron State College.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: I discovered that I punched my light inadvertently. I don't have anything to say Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, again I will repeat the overall policy the committee was recommending this year was no major capital construction starts for the current year the reason being using the funds for operations, the other reason for next year and the year following was to retain the maximum flexibility that the state could have in order to handle major adjustments that may happen in federal funds. Now you should also understand that if this is to go ahead next year while the amendment does not carry that amount, anticipated cost would be 5.3 million for the construction of the building including 82-83 and 83-84 fiscal years. So what you are voting on in essence is a 5.3 million dollar not a \$146,000. It also is funded from the state building fund, at least as drafted, not the cigarette tax as stated, but that is immaterial as a matter of fact. I know there are those who like to somehow or other separate the cigarette taxes if that is non-tax money, but that is tax funds just the same as sales and income tax and the other miscellaneous sources of revenue. Whenever you subtract or spend funds from capital.....from the Nebraska capital construction fund, which is the cigarette tax, that is the same as general fund, makes absolutely no difference