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categorize and determine the needs of this state and then they are going to say, now that we have done all that work, we are going to forget it because we don't have any money. We are going to have \$1 million to do the various things that we need to do in terms of preventive maintenance on our capital structures. Now, frankly, that is one-seventh...one-seventh of the '79-'80 appropriations. The lowest point, that is one-fourth of the lowest appropriation we have ever contributed, that was '77-'78. You know, Senator Dworak makes a good point. I am probably wrong by only asking for \$850,000, and the reason I asked for \$850,000 is I think we ought to try to do some things, some very important things, not a lot of them. I, too, recognize the fiscal situation of the state, but I want to say that \$850,000 will go a long ways and be a darn good investment, a lot further than the \$1 million that we are putting into this program. It is with that in mind and each and every one of our understanding that it is an investment well worth making in our future. I urge this Legislature not to look at this as a paltry sum, but to look at this as an important sum. And if we add \$850,000 and the Governor chooses to strike that, then I think we ought to have that vote on whether or not we are going to meet the legitimate needs of this state this year. This is not, in my opinion, and should not be considered a partisan issue. It should be considered a legitimate issue facing the needs of this state. I can appreciate those people who feel that there are some hard decisions to make and this is an easy place to make them. But it is not the correct place to make them even though it might be easy. I would urge you to be courageous, to be right and add this \$850,000 to this project.

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay, Senator Newell has closed. We are voting on the Newell amendment to LB 761. It takes 25 votes. Those of you that are here please vote so we can get a decision on this.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Kahle voting yes.

SENATOR KAHLE: Record vote has been requested. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Haberman requests record vote. (Read the record vote as found on page 1389 of the Legislative Journal.) 9 ayes, 24 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Newell's amendment.

SENATOR KAHLE: The motion fails. Senator Higgins, would you like to adjourn us until 9:30 tomorrow morning.