

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Before recognizing Senator Hefner, Senator Korshoj is announcing some guests who are visiting the Legislature today. Under the north balcony, Karen Ruwee of Arlington, Nebraska, and a very special guest from Japan, Ryoko Kawai. Would you people please stand and be recognized. Thank you. We're glad you're here. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, first of all I want to commend the Appropriations Committee for the work that they have done on this issue. I know that it's a very complicated issue and we certainly want to see that everybody is taken care of. I, too, have some concerns on loans, whether they be low interest loans or no interest loans, but I think we need to get started someplace. Also, at this time I would like to ask Senator Warner a question if he will yield.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Would you respond, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: If I can.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Warner, this Capitol building is a beautiful building, but we do have a problem. I know sometimes in the office that I have if we have a snow storm, well, I'll be getting some snow in my room. Also, many times the rooms in the Capitol are real warm, in fact, they're hot and it's very hard to adjust the temperature in these rooms. Are we going to use any of these funds to try to correct that in this beautiful building?

SENATOR WARNER: No, there are no funds specifically allocated to this...to this structure. But let me just...you know, as I've been listening to the discussion, you know, we're talking about 19.9 million is the total amount, and I assume that any one of these areas whether it was state buildings or local governmental subdivisions or all low income housing, I assume that you can identify need for any one of them that would exceed the amount of the oil overcharge money and I suspect if all the money would have gone to public institutions, we would have been critical that some of it should have gone to low income or some other facet. It does represent a distribution of a variety of areas that are authorized under the court dictates and, you know, whether it could be 1 million more in one area and a million less somewhere else, I can't argue that because, obviously, that's true. But I do think that the kinds of things