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PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced.

CLERK: 27 ayes, Mr. President. Read title to LB 550.

SENATOR MARVEL: I move that 550 be advanced to E & R initial.

PRESIDENT: Discussion of the motion?

SENATOR MARVEL: This is Senator Burbach's contribution to the improvement of the Nebraska Library Commission through the proposal that a cash fund be set up under the direction of the Library Commission. This cash fund would be used to finance a new operation known as the Media Center. This is an improvement as far as film service is concerned for the Library Commission. This will allow them to rent out films, to collect the money and put it into a fund to help finance this particular operation. So on behalf of Senator Burbach I move that 550 be advanced to E & R initial.

PRESIDENT: Senator Herbert J. Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, may I ask Senator Marvel a question?

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes sir.

SENATOR DUIS: Numerous letters were received in regard to the Library Commission. Does this particular bill have anything to do with those letters that we received, and in which they thought their amount was being curtailed?

SENATOR MARVEL: This is part of the area that would be under attack, Senator Duis. This is an area . . . I'm not pulling these figures off the top of my head, that we would propose that they would collect some place between \$16,000 and \$88,000 in the Media Center only. We considered six programs of the Library Commission yesterday including the area that this would fund. I guess in all frankness I can say to you that you still will probably receive some letters, mainly not from this area but from the area that was financed last year with \$200,000 proposed by Senator Carpenter as aid to the subdivisions . . . the various library subdivisions throughout the state. We're talking about some place in the neighborhood of \$150,000 to \$200,000. This particular bill I think is necessary to help the Library Commission in part of the problems that were brought out in some of the letters. In all honesty, I think you will continue to receive letters in this . . . from this particular subdivision. May I say to you we spent quite a little time trying to analyze this budget . . . or these budgets. I've never seen anything so confusing as this particular area. I would be less than honest if I didn't indicate to you that I do not think many people will be satisfied.

SENATOR DUIS: My next question is this, why could not this bill, the contents of this bill, have been included in your regular budget bill? Why did we need an extra bill for it?