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call us into session and we will meet that emergency and we won't have any money sitting around idly. It's a little disgusting to me to have the people who really need this find out that the Governor will not do it. They have expended about...I don't know how many thousands of dollars of their own money now to come in and shore it up and we hope to get some federal funds to do this and let the state of Nebraska set idly by and watch its rivers go to the federal control.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, I would object to the proposed amendment to 604 which Senator Frank Lewis has offered for our consideration. We do not tie up emergency funds with specific emergency dollar amount for one specific thing. That may not be where the emergency is first. There may be another spot along the Platte River or another emergency along the Elkhorn. An emergency fund is something which you cannot foresee. This would not be the place to put those dollars in, and when we are already putting a three hundred dollars...three hundred thousand dollar fund in plus reappropriating the unexpended balance, that should be sufficient, if this other is an emergency, and we are in a spot of saying this is the Governor's emergency fund but it is not the Governor's emergency fund if we are going to write in language telling him what he can and cannot expend the dollars on. I certainly hope this body will not insert in the Budget document this type of amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator Lewis a question. Are you trying to add \$92,000 or \$392,000?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I am trying to add \$92,000.

SENATOR CLARK: Oh.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I took 11 and 12 and you had \$300,000. I just put \$392,000.

SENATOR CLARK: Thank you very kindly. Personally, I would be against this. The reason I would be is because we have \$500,000 in there now. If it is an emergency, the emergency can be used...the money can be used for an emergency if the Governor declares it an emergency. Just because we would add \$92,000 wouldn't mean that he couldn't use the emergency the way it is and I can see no reason to add to it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis, are you ready to close on your amendment?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I have a few questions and then I will be prepared, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT: You may close the argument.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I would like to ask Senator Clark a question then. Senator Clark, if we have that much