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SENATOR MARVEL: Yes sir.

PRESIDENT: The Chair was under the impression that Senator Cavanaugh had an amendment. The Clerk advises me that that's incorporated in your amendment. Do you care to ... there's no other lights on. Do you care to close on your amendment?

SENATOR MARVEL: All I'm doing is basically is a mechanical operation at the moment. There were three amendments. I guess I move, once again, for the adoption of those three amendments to LB 603. The three I already explained.

CLERK: So is this the whole sheet? OK.

PRESIDENT: The question is all three of the paragraphs which we refer to as the ... six ... Well it's been referred to as the Marvel amendment, regardless of the number of subjects in it.

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have a motion to amend the Marvel amendment by striking the provision for legislative approval. Signed, Senator Goodrich.

PRESIDENT: Are you ready for the vote? Chair recognizes Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, I have the motion on the desk to strike the requirement that the legislature approve these bequests also. That would just mean that the Governor approves them. That would do away with the problem of a bequest that was given when the Legislature is not in session. I move the adoption of this amendment to the Marvel amendment.

PRESIDENT: The question is the ... Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I rise to speak against the amendment. If there's a problem with doing this in a budget bill, the problem relates to the whole section. It's all legislation or it's not. It's an appropriate subject for a budget bill. The question is whether the Legislature should have some approval authority over acquisition of real property in excess of \$10,000. It should because the acquiring of property over ... with a value in that bracket commits the state to some action. You don't acquire property and let it sit. It does something. It entails programs, it entails maintenance, it entails obligations to the state, obligations that entail appropriations. We've got to make appropriations. We should not be placed in the position of having to service property that we had no consent in, or even in some possible occasions any ability to know that the property was going to be acquired or for what purpose and what kind of commitments were made. The Legislature should know that kind of thing. The acquisition of property is the setting of policy that entails future expenditures. We can't responsibly ... we shouldn't be placed in