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PRESIDENT: Are you having trouble being heard Senator?

SENATOR MARVEL: I'm having trouble getting the attention of this...

PRESIDENT: I wonder if couldn't have this conference on the microphone. Senator Marvel feels that he can respond to Senator Duis.

SENATOR MARVEL: The University of Nebraska had to move in and make some repairs. They however did this without any consultation as near as I can determine, with anybody in this body that has to put up the money. They ran up a bill of \$750,000 in order to make the repairs that they thought had to be made. Now, they had to put the roof on, but they have not answered the question as to whether...for instance, the faculty that is in there now will continue to be housed. It is my understanding after having gone through the building that they will repair it and use it for some laboratory work and also for some office buildings. They are stuck for \$750,000 which they borrowed from another fund. They are stuck with a \$500,000 deductible policy. So, what this amounts to is that we put out in this bill \$500,000 to take care of the deductible, they get the other \$250,000 to pay off the bills that they have already contracted for. As far as I know they have never come before us and indicated what they are going to do with the building. So, I'm giving you guess work and I'm not voting for the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis, have you gotten an answer?

SENATOR DUIS: I think that I have an answer but I have another question to ask. At the present time..

SENATOR MARVEL: Would you like to ask somebody that can answer it?

SENATOR DUIS: No, what I think I will do is just forget about asking the question, because I'm not going to get an answer to it. I can not for the life of me figure out why they didn't go to the insurance company and say, okay we are going to make these repairs. You know that we are stuck for a loss, so why don't you advance a partial payment on that loss and we will pay the \$700,000 bucks, instead of going and borrowing the money. The insurance company I am sure would be open to suggestions. I don't think that there are...the question that I have is, is there a dispute as to whether the company is going to pay the loss or not, have they denied the loss?

SENATOR MARVEL: No.

SENATOR DUIS: Then, I don't know what their problem is with \$700,000.

SENATOR MARVEL: I guess that the only answer that I can give you is that the information that we have is not adequate enough and I will try and get the answer for you tomorrow.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.