

, March 25, 1976

CLERK: That will just be laid over. Thank you Mr. President.

Mr. President, on Final Reading LB819.

PRESIDENT: We are on Final Reading. Please return to your desks. Please return to your desks and stay there during Final Reading. It won't take long. Please return to your desks. All Senators are required to be at your desks. All non-senatorial personnel please leave the floor. Please remain at your desks. Commence reading Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Read LB819.

PRESIDENT: (recorder turned off) Emergency clause attached. We are off Final Reading.

CLERK: Motion on the desk Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: Read Cavanaugh amendment to LB690.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature this is the amendment that was distributed to you which specifies where these reductions of \$500,000 in program 781 and \$500,000 in program 783 would come from. The net effect of this amendment would be to reduce the budget of Central Administration by \$165,000 by eliminating those line item positions that are specified in the amendment, and it would cause a reduction of \$148,000 to be taken from the Computer Network Administrative computing as opposed to the academic computing. The proposal of the Systems Office was to split that 50-50. It is my understanding now that 61% of the computer is used for administrative time and approximately 30 some percent for academic time. So, they were again, I think, over reacting by splitting that 50-50 and really I think that they occupy a great deal too much time of the computer in administration and not enough in academic so this would force the entire reduction of that item in the administrative computer time and it would take \$26,000 from the UNL Campus Administration budget, and \$23,000 from the UNO Administration Campus budget, and \$27,000 from the Med School Campus budget and it specifies that \$500,000 in program 783 be taken from utility costs, budget provided a \$900,000 increase in utility costs. This would still leave a \$400,000 increase in the utility appropriations over last year. I move that the bill be returned and the amendment adopted.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would rise to oppose the ear marking of reduction of funds. I have had reservations on the concept that is being used for appropriation this year in lump sum, certainly it would be a regressive step to use a ear mark reduction approach. There is one beauty of the lump sum appropriation that is beneficial to both the Governor and the legislature, because no matter what the Regents pick out not to do, we can always say that we didn't intend that to be eliminated. I think