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read to you the last paragraph of the letter which he sent after making his speech. He sent us this letter which you all have on your Legislative Journal on Page 1304 and 1305. The last paragraph reads as follows: I willingly accept the responsibility to live with my budget. That seems to be a popular topic in the Legislature. But I caution you that such a philosophy is only possible if you would approve the total budget and not a piecemeal version, thereof. For this reason, I am suggesting and I am moving that we bring back 259 for the purpose of putting these amendments on it. These amendments consist as follows: It amends the Supreme Court section by adding \$57,638.00 for law clerks for the Supreme Court Judges; The Health Department, \$12,000.00; The Public Employees Retirement Fund, \$146,467; The University of Nebraska Med Center, \$150,000 General Fund. These total \$366,105.00. If we adopt these amendments, we then have the Governor's budget in exactly the form that he wanted it. Each one of these four is supported by a letter signed by him requesting these particular four amendments. I move, in other words, that we adopt these...bring 259 back, adopt these, move it forward, pass it in just exactly that order and then the Governor has no beef coming as to what we did with his budget. If we do not adopt these, however, he can still say that we gave him a budget in a piecemeal form with which he cannot do what he committed himself to do. For that reason, I suggest that we bring this back, amend it with this, and then pass it in that form only. I am not trying to break the budget. I want to pass it with just exactly the way he wants it so that we, then, are not open to criticism. He, then, cannot criticize us. He must live with it on exactly the form that he wanted it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel, do you wish to be recognized? Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Goodrich, one question and make one comment. Senator Goodrich, will you yield? Did you vote yesterday to extend the discussion on 259 until April 30th.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich. Sorry.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Frankly, I can't remember..what I did yesterday on that particular..

SENATOR MARVEL: You can't remember. I'll be glad to refresh your memory. You voted for it and the purpose or the end result of the motion that you have before us now is to do exactly the same thing. Second point..thank you for answering the question.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Wait a minute. To clear up what you...

SENATOR MARVEL: The second point I would like to make is that there are bills in this Legislature at the moment that the Governor is requesting others to introduce. The Governor can do the same thing with these small amendments that you are talking about as well as any other amendments he has. Therefore, I object and oppose the amendment and hope we will proceed with the reading of 259.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes. First of all, Senator Marvel, we have, I suppose, these Budget bills that you are referring to. I have never seen them. How do we know they are going to get introduced in the first place. You, yourself, this morning referred to these amendments that I am offering here