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were quoted in an article from the Lincoln Star March 24 of this year. It says, the committee package--well, I'll read these few paragraphs--appropriations chairman Richard Marvel of Hastings Friday said the operational budget bill constructed by his committee will provide the State with reasonable progress during the coming fiscal year. The committee package ties money to specific recommendations reflecting legislative policy and priorities, he said in a Statehouse interview. And it increases program recommendations earlier offered by Governor J. James Exon in areas where they are specifically justified Marvel said, including higher education and programs for the mentally retarded. This is a quote. It is a bill that can adequately be defended on the floor of the legislature. That ends the quote. Then I'll skip some of the article and anybody that wants to see the whole thing can get a copy. Senator Marvel then is quoted, we will appear before the Legislature as a united body to explain what we have done. Then he mentions the give and take in the committee but they came out as a united front. Then we go on, funding additions for higher education in the operational budget have been earmarked for specific programs to meet the major problems at the University and the colleges, Marvel noted. We didn't simply recommend additional money, increased funding for community programs for the mentally retarded corrected a weakness in Exon's budget for the Department of Public Institutions, he said. By pinpointing where funding additions will go, Marvel said, the committee is requiring accountability from the agencies and that in turn fulfills legitimate functions of the State Legislature to set general public policy. You can see that those statements come from a man who has thought over a position he has dealt with the very contradictory situation of opposing plans as to how many should be spent and then he summed it up by basing his ultimate action on what the legitimate responsibility of the Legislature is. That waste make corrections in an inadequate presentation by the Governor in the form of a budget bill, it was to correct weaknesses in that bill, it was to assume the responsibility which the Legislature has and in addition to that it was to establish legislative priorities and policies and the budget committee promised us that they would come on the floor of the Legislature and defend what they had done and they are not making good on that promise. I think what Senator Proud is offering in his motion would give us an opportunity to have the budget committee, individually or collectively, and the chairman if he chose to do so make good on the promise which was publicly made. And Abraham Lincoln once said, a promise once being made must be kept and he said again, plead not what you need not lest you be called on to prove what you cannot. I think that Senator Marvel has put himself on record as justifying the work of the committee and I do not think we ought to allow his mind and his mature judgment to be swept aside by the appearance of the Governor. I think Senator Proud's motion ought to be upheld.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: I move the previous question. Signed, Senator Syas.

PRESIDENT: Previous question has been moved. Does the chair see five hands? Thank you. The question is, shall the debate now close on the motion? All those in favor will vote aye, all those opposed will vote no. Thank you. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 9 nays on motion to move the previous question.

PRESIDENT: The debate will now close. Senator Proud you may close on your motion.