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SENATOR PROUD: Well, the parable about the lion and the fox was taken from the words of a wise man. Now I have the sequence of that which is that the fox, by his reply, saved his life but he lost the next election.

PRESIDENT: Question is, shall LB 259 be returned and recommitted to the budget committee? All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Question is, shall LB 259 be recommitted to the budget committee? Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 26 nays, 8 not voting on motion to return.

PRESIDENT: Motion is lost. Do you have another motion on the desk?

CLERK: Motion on the desk. I move LB 259 be returned to Select File for the following specific amendment. Then the motion says the standing committee amendments offered by the appropriations committee a copy of which were given April 9, 1973. Signed, Senator Marsh.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and fellow members of the Legislature, I am not interested in satisfying the Governor to see that he does not have a beef, as Senator Goodrich said. I am interested in serving the people of the State of Nebraska by voting for a realistic budget. The nine members of the Appropriations Committee, I felt, worked long and diligently to bring forth wise, prudent as well as necessary changes in the Governor's budget, LB 259. Therefore, I ask the concerned Senators of this body to seriously consider adopting the amendments proposed by the nine members of the Appropriations Committee. Until Monday of this week I thought all nine members favored this stand. I don't want to be known or to be judged as a child who was playing marbles in the neighborhood with the neighborhood gang who didn't win on a, on a little game so then said, if you won't play the way I want to play, I'll take my marbles and go home.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh, does the chair understand that actually what you're asking in your amendment--and your amendment up here is in such form that we really can't tell--but are you asking actually to adopt the standing committee amendments that were printed in the Journal?

SENATOR MARSH: That is correct.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. That's the motion before the body and that is, shall LB 259 be returned to Select File to adopt the standing committee amendments and the chair recognizes Senator Skarda, then Senator Stahmer...

SENATOR SKARDA: ...Mr. President, asking for the previous question. It's either you get in or get out, it's just that simple. If you can't take the heat, get out of the kitchen. That's about as honestly as I can make it. This is nothing but a filibuster, it's trying to completely get away from the subject and my friends you're going to stand or die by what decision you're going to make this morning.

PRESIDENT: Did the chair understand you to move the previous question?

SENATOR SKARDA: I move the previous question.

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