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I think they are a little too optimistic and that the amount of revenue would be a little less than is presumed here and when you start cutting on \$275 million on a very small percentage basis, if you'll just knock off 2% you're knocking off over \$5 million. So I feel that this is a very optimistic report.

SPEAKER: Senator Keyes. He passes. Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, Senators, I wasn't going to stand up again to practically repeat myself. If Senator Duis hadn't tried to reopen it. I think Senator Carpenter was right. You'd better take a compromise, you voted for a compromise here, you'd better take it and run with it. Now Senator Duis is worried about having 25 votes and it's going to be a close call. 30, I don't care, 25 or 30. If you amend it the other way and take the Lewis amendment off, you're not going to get 30 votes either, so let's, because in my opinion--now look, as I said before, Omaha people don't mind probably too much--well, we mind but we can live with losing a million dollars but if Duis thinks we're going to lose \$2 million and get back, put in two extra million dollars to get back less, in other words put in \$8 million to get back \$6, he's got holes in his head. Now, the way it is now we lose a million dollars and as I say I've been willing, for one Omaha Senator and I'm not speaking for the rest of them, to go along with that but if some of you fellas can't support it that far I certainly am not going to support Omaha going for \$2 million regardless of what of what Senator Duis might think. Now I don't know how much, how much I have to take down here so you'd better run with this compromise of Frank Lewis' and send the bill along and if you can't pass the bill, you can't pass the bill and if it's vetoed, which it probably will be, if you can't get 30 votes, you can't get 30 votes. But if you do it the other way you probably can't pass the bill either and you probably can't pass 30 votes, with 30 votes, so we'd better take this compromise as Senator Carpenter said and run with it.

SPEAKER: Mr. Clerk, do you have a motion on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion. I move to reconsider our action on 172, it says to strike the Lewis amendment. I think it should read, move to reconsider the action in adopting the Lewis amendment. Signed, Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, would you read that, it should read how?

CLERK: Well, if you're wanting to reconsider the action in adopting the Lewis amendment...

SENATOR BARNETT: That's right, for the purpose of striking the Lewis amendment is my... Reconsider the action on the Lewis amendment, right.

SPEAKER: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: I think that now Senator Syas' predictions again as the magician of the group might have a chance to show itself, but I think that what we've done here is come to an impasse. I think one group in here wants all equalization, another group wants all ADM. I think what we'd better do is try to come to an agreement and to a compromise and accept this, accept the committee amendments, 10 and 10 and move this bill across the board. I think the first thing that should be made note here, I think that if you do not feel like moving this bill across the board, you shouldn't vote to reconsider. But to vote to reconsider would mean that you would accept the compromise and then move the bill across the floor. Therefore, I'd move for the adoption of this.