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We've got to get those people out into society much more rapidly than we are now and stop having them return all the time. So, I'm faced with this choice being largely in a state of shock after yesterday, I'm faced with this choice--we're \$2½ million over. As people have said, we're not necessarily perfect and therefore in direct answer to your question, I'm going to vote to advance 256.

SENATOR PROUD: Well, Senator, you--I was using the word Governor's budget and the Budget Committee, Appropriations Committee budget interchangeably, I didn't differentiate between them but I realize that there is a difference although it doesn't appear to be great. My point is that we probably should pass something.

SENATOR MARVEL: I agree with you that we're down to the last few minutes and I will say one thing in answer to what Senator Carpenter has to say. I do appreciate the fact that we didn't get into another fight over 259 although I'm sure some would like to do this. The Governor's capital construction budget put the committee in a terrible spot and if I had time I could go over these figures. I'll only mention one. The capital construction budget, and I assume we will get reverberations from this statement but I'm going to make it anyway because I think it's fair to this Legislature, in many areas they were totally unrealistic and not only realistic but they were unfair to this legislative body in making recommendations for instance that life science should have only \$2.1 million. Now by any stretch of the imagination their square foot measurement and their total approach to pulling together the pieces of life science on University of Nebraska at Lincoln campus were totally unrealistic. They put us in a position of where we either accepted a totally unrealistic, well, we had three choices. Forget life science, it's been on the priority list for half a dozen years. Accept their unrealistic figure which would have done probably more damage than good, or add \$2 million. And this is what we did so that we recommend about \$2.1 million. Now Senator Proud, this is one of the problems that faced us in trying to compare the Governor's budget with the committee's recommendations and I'd like to say one other thing while I'm on the floor, because my voice--I may lose it in a few minutes and I want to get this out first--those of you in the Legislature who are perturbed because the Appropriations Committee feels quite strongly about its bills will have to excuse us. We realize that the budget bills are the property of this Legislative body, nevertheless, we've spent days and months together every afternoon. I would ask you in being full of compassion this morning, if you will, to put yourselves in the position of 9 legislators who spent every afternoon together during the session, Monday through Friday. Last time we met we met from noon until 6:00 in the evening. We spent a lot of time and we certainly, as was said yesterday, don't agree all the time. But we try to hammer out some kind of decisions. Therefore, when these decisions are hammered out after several months, we have some pride of authorship. So if we seem somewhat perturbed, I hope you'll understand why. We've put a lot of work in. We don't personally gain a thing out of this. It's just a pride of workmanship and we have, we have sweat blood and tears and anything else you want to throw into it in these appropriations bills, so if we seem to feel that we own them, you'll have to understand why. Now I would be the last one to say that I'm happy about what happened yesterday. But I'm also pragmatic despite what some people feel is an unpragmatic vote on 445A yesterday. Therefore, Senator Proud, and I know you're perturbed, too, I think we have only one choice and that's accept 256 in its present form and advance the bill. I understand the bill was not advanced yesterday. I was not here for the debate but I think that's our only choice at the moment and so I will vote