

I think there is a need and with some guidance from the budget committee. Our guidance from the budget committee here is not to do it. They are the ones that have spend all of the time on it. This is my main objection and as I said, if you fail to take these amendments off this 15 million dollars then I am very seriously going to consider voting against the entire capital construction budget.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Read

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

CLERK: 15 Ayes, 20 Nays and 14 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The motion failed. Senator Stahmer you asked to be heard on the issue.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, members of the body, Speaker Proud asked for members of the budget committee to stand up and give some representation on what their thoughts were considering this matter and it would probably be wise if I didn't say anything but I think that as a member of that committee some of us should say some things. I think that one of the things that Senator Proud didn't mention in his speech were what are some of the things that we could have added on to the budget bill that we didn't add. I'm not going to say necessarily that any of the things that were added are necessarily bad but what are some of the things that we could have added on their that we didn't add. Lets go over a few of them. WE could have added airconditioning. Some of the Buildings in the Beatrice State home. We could have air conditioned the psychiatric center in Omaha where we have \$20,000 or \$30,000 a year psychiatrists sweltering in the summer and I question what kind of work they are doing. We could have added a hundred thousand dollars to the music building at UNO, we completed a new building we left one corner of it out and now they don't have any money to equip the thing. I could go on and on down the list. I don't think that the budget committee adopted those things that only benefited them particularly or their area, I think that we looked at a multitude of needs and tried to decided what would reasonably be accomplished in one or two years and perhaps to take a look later on at some other things. I think that one of the incorrect ideas that has been harbored on this floor is that the budget committee members only look at their only pet ideas and neglect everything else. This is not true, and I question that when we have these pet projects added on why we don't open it up to members of the budget committee to add on some of their things. Now that we have all of the pet things added on, nobody wants to talk about any more of the important things that were left off. Things that were more important by far than some of the pets that were added on. So have the pot calling the kettle black. We are being accused of doing the things that our own pet little projects which is not true and after the people get their pet projects on and if anyone tries to rectify that then they are accused of trying to get their pet projects on. If this isn't Alice in Wonderland then I don't know how to read. I don't know where the rabbit hole is or who the rabbits are, but if we want to open up this thing, I think that we ought to look at all of the needs of the state which is what the budget committee tries to do. But I'll close by saying that obviously this legislature is not