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SENATOR FELLMAN: Then what is the heart of this as a far as you are concerned?

SENATOR LEWIS: Can I finish please? If he wanted that he would have said so I think. The essence is do you or do you not get a chance to take take a look at what you may or may not be buying.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Mr. President, members of the legislature it seems to me that if we have had admissions from everyone here that none of us are computer experts the question is which non-expert is going to make the decision. It seems to me that we are backed into a...if Senator Carpenter wants to be more powerful than the Governor, I can understand that, and the Governor is mad at Senator Carpenter or the Legislature for trying to a...a...what he thinks is the prerogative of his office and I suppose if I was the Governor, which I am not, I could understand that a but what we are doing here is we are putting a were playing games. We are deciding which one of us that doesn't know anything about it should make a decision. If we have gotten in the past an honest bids and have dealt with it honestly I think that this is just a game and I can't see any reason to continue foolishness when time is running out and it would seem to me that this amendment should be defeated.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh, then Richendifer.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Mr. President, members of the body, I would oppose Senator Carpenter's amendment. It seems to me that if you as so often expressed here that this state should operate on sound business principles that this legislature, the only directive of this legislation is to practice sound business principles and the operation of the state government and to substitute a political football if you would in this legislature as to the computer system in the state of Nebraska. I don't think that the history of the computer system that we have established here has been on a particularly sound business basis and I don't think that it was approached like that in the beginning and I think that it is probably time that it be approached that way and I think that that is the intent of the way that things are going now, and the intent of this amendment is to frustrate that purpose and I think that it would be totally irresponsible on our part to support that position, so I'll oppose the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Richendifer and then Senator Proud.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I oppose this amendment. In the first place there is a constitutional question on Senator Carpenter's amendment as it was on 582. These same people that were complaining last week in regards to 452 that they were not receiving the information that they wanted. Now in turn this week they are turning around and trying to hand string the computer system further. Quite frankly I voted for an amendment yesterday that was called a simple amendment, a corrective amendment and in it it had a continuation of LB452. Quite frankly I resent it. For that matter from now on, unless I see the amendment written out on my desk, I'm not going to vote for it, for any of them. This is strictly a political move we are