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SENATOR CARPENTER: First I'd like to ask Senator Warner a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner yield?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: It's my understanding that this bill was introduced by the Governor of the State of Nebraska. Is that so?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, by Senator Proud at the request of the Governor.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now, I understand that you and Senator Anderson had a conference with the Governor of the State of Nebraska which as I understood it, I could be wrong, that the Governor would accept this bill as amended. I don't say he recommended it. I'm only saying that he give you, reasonably, that he would accept the bill as amended.

SENATOR WARNER: With one correction, Senator Carpenter. I did not meet with the Governor personally along with Senator Anderson. My conversation has taken place with some of his staff but as I said yesterday and Senator Anderson was there when I was told, and I believe he maybe had more conversations than I have had, they did not object to the amendment as.... they were proposed and I...it is my understanding that it would be satisfactory with him as it now stands. At least they certainly have given me...the only objection they made to me was the one relative to the \$20 million which I did not put on. It was put on inadvertently, I took it off. So as the bill stands, it should reflect what is acceptable to him as far as I know.

SENATOR CARPENTER: So you have every reason to believe that those who you talked to were reflecting the attitude of the Governor of the State of Nebraska.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now, Mr. President, I think this is a rather strange situation. Number one, the Governor of the State of Nebraska has continually said if you pass a school aid bill to local public schools without a limitation, he's going to veto it. Then, on the other side of the coin, we have Senator Whitney and Senator Lewis who are his right and his left hand in this Body advocating something be done that they know before hand he's going to veto it. That's a strange situation. It looks to me like there's a mild conspiracy in order to give the Governor the State of Nebraska the right to veto it. Because I don't think Senator Whitney, for example, wants any school aid bill and he's doing everything he can as he has a right to do to defeat the bill in the final analysis. I don't think he'd vote for it in any form, under any consideration and I'm not so sure that Senator Lewis is not in the same category. You know, after all, we do know that Senator Lewis many times speaks for the chief executive. And that's fine and when he speaks most of us accept he's speaking for the Governor of the State of Nebraska. At least the Governor has never denied it. So we're in this position now. Upon the recommendation of two of the Governor's foremost supporters. They want us to do what he's already said, if you do it, I'm going to veto it. Now, I think we ought to vote Senator Lewis' amendment down without much more discussion. It's self-evident what he's trying to do. He don't want state