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as quick to endorse an activity of this type and I ask that this legislature agree to match dollar for dollar what those young people raise in order to make this trip possible.

PRESIDENT: Chair first recognizes Senator Stahmer, Waldron, DeCamp then Luedtke.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. Chairman I am going to support my conservative friend from South Sioux and I said that I wouldn't get up and support any floor amendments but I think that the University of Nebraska and all that it stands for and that marching band, and I think it would be one of the greatest things that we could do to put this state on the map. The importance of the cornhusker state and all the food that it is producing for the world and I think that what we do in this state might one day be the very saviour of this world. This is a symbol of this state.

PRESIDENT: Senator Waldron.

SENATOR WALDRON: Mr. President, I rise to support my friend Senator Murphy, it is not often that I have this opportunity and I want to assure Senator Murphy that I am on his side and I think that he has an excellent idea.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I rise to oppose my good friend Senator Murphy. I have as much love and respect for young people as anybody and I think that I fall into that class. I think that it would be wonderful and will be wonderful if the marching band goes to Europe or wherever and tours the country. I think that they are excellent young people, shinny examples and I think that the University is wonderful and all of this or these wonderful things. But I think that it is pretty dangerous when this legislature starts doing the same the thing that the federal government is now doing which is playing the old matching funds game. In other words when somebody comes up a with an idea and can't raise the money, or doesn't have quite enough money to do it, so somebody is going to match their money. You come with the first 50¢ and we will throw in the other 50¢. If these young people want to go, there are ways to earn the money, and there is where the incentive lies. I think that they will learn a lot more earning their own way or coming up with some program other than walking into the state senate of the State of Nebraska and having us pass laws and amendments and bills to finance a trip to Europe for the marching band. It is such a dangerous thing that in the next two or three years if we do this, you are going to have every group from the Lions Club to the Cub Scouts wanting to go one place or another for some good PR reason and wanting us to pay half of the way or three-quarters of the way or whatever. I'm not against the marching band, but I am ever against doing something like this. Vote down the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, first of all, I would say that I would not oppose the idea of helping young people to carry out these kinds of activities. However, I would like to ask Senator Murphy to yield to a question.

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes.