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SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, it is hard to follow an act like that. I do appreciate eloquence and the impassioned pleas that Senator Landis has given but consider this, how many Senators on this floor understand the bill. We haven't even discussed the bill. We have been discussing amendments. You are hearing one side of the bill, actually. I am just pleading with you to at least oppose the kill motion and hear the bill. There has to be some good points for it. I was thinking, listening to Senator Landis, when the unions want to deal with the auto makers, how do they work? One of the big companies go on strike. So what happens? They come to a settlement and the others fall in or even do better. I am not saying it is wrong but I'd say that we had, in a sense, the same principle as we have that this bill calls for and I can speak for the state colleges. The State Board of Trustees support this bill and three of the four campuses. So the faculties do, that is I am talking about the faculties. I am not saying it is right or wrong. I am not sure how I am going to vote on it but I would like to hear the bill debated on the floor and that is all I am asking, don't support the kill motion, oppose it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely, the Chair recognizes you on the kill motion.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I can appreciate very much the very eloquent statement made by Senator Landis on this bill and I understand the problems involved with it but I think the opponents of this legislation, from my mind, are primarily focused and located in the University of Nebraska system, UNO and UNL. Now we just had an amendment, a committee amendment, that would have eliminated them from the provisions of this bill which I supported and which very few people agreed with me on but I really think, I really think we shouldn't kill the bill because I think that we ought to take another look at it and exempt UNL and UNO and go back and look at the state colleges and technical community colleges because there is a problem there. This bill addresses that problem and I think it solves that problem and I think it is a good bill without, but without the committee amendment, I would move to kill it but at this point I think we should reconsider, not kill it, and look at that amendment again.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The way this debate lines up it is Senator Newell, Senator Murphy, Senator Dworak, Senator Keyes, Senator Cullan. The Chair recognizes Senator Newell. Senator Newell, do you want to talk on the kill motion? You are