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PRESIDENT: Does the Chair understand...? Senator Clark, did you wish to speak?

SENATOR CLARK: He is right. I am against this altogether. I want him to know that right off the bat so that there is no confusion. All this is is an inflationary thing that they are trying to do here and it has no bearing on the representation or anything else and I would much prefer to see the bill killed than changed. If you want to kill it I will be glad to vote that way.

PRESIDENT: All right. The Chair recognizes Senator Merz.

SENATOR MERZ: Mr. President and members of the body, I think I have a very few words to say in regard to this but if you will read this little handout I gave you this morning from the Lincoln Star, it says, "Thone aims to amend state East and West split", and I think this is what we have got here this morning, an East-West split. This with 24 votes and one short and all the votes practically but three or four coming from the East end shows that the West wants things their own way. Look at the Board of Regents today with the universities in Lincoln and Omaha but where are the Board of Regents from? They are from all over the state and isn't there people from all over the state have investments in stock in oil in the State of Nebraska? This to me is more than a West issue. I can't see for the life of me, we have been in the oil business for forty years in southeast Nebraska, and have never never had any representation and are we that bad that we don't need representation? Can we let the West dominate our oil in the State of Nebraska? We have never objected to many of the West's objects that they wanted to pursue and I can not understand why. This will cost no one. No one taxpayer will pay a dime. The only one that will pay is those that are the reaping the harvest from the oil and I wish that you would stop to reconsider this. Anywhere in the world a 24 to 16 vote would be put into reaction, the two thirds majority but not on this floor here. You have got to have your 25 regardless and to me this seems a little peculiar. I would appreciate all the support on Ernie's reconsideration. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The motions will be taken up in this order. The motion first of all will be on the return for the purpose of the reconsideration. Then we will have to vote separately on the reconsideration and then if the vote carries, then we will vote on the matter on the