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the shoe fits, and it does, I have opposed millions and millions of dollars worth of tax exemptions that have come through the Revenue Committee because I felt they were unfair, they were for special interest groups and not for the general public as a whole, unlike others who have in fact supported those special interest bills. I have also offered the kill motion on many, many, many other ones. I have voted with the Governor of the great State of Nebraska, the former Governor, Governor Exon. 70% of his overrides I supported for millions and millions of dollars, not only in capital construction but also in programs. Senator Koch, unlike others in this body, I have been consistently one who sets priorities. I have been a progressive. A progressive means that I feel in my opinion means that the money should not always flow to the rich and powerful but also should flow to the little guy. What I am offering here is an amendment to strike \$123,000 from a program that is no longer justifiable, that from its very inception, the day one, it was suppose to be self-supporting. Five years later it is not self-supporting. It in fact costs \$510 per student out of general fund coffers or if those people would like to listen it costs \$800 when you add, when you add the tuition paid, \$800 per student. There is no research in this. These are per students and they are taking an average of less than three hours. Every other student the average is about \$1000 per student to educate a student and they are taking twelve to fifteen hours. The SUN program is not justifiable. Next year that \$123,000 will come out of student fees. The students will pay for programs that they do not in fact use, only a very small number. This year 242 will use. This may be a compromise and we all know how the appropriations process works, and if one member thinks that this is justifiable and they vote for somebody else's problem that they think is justifiable, this bill stays in and the Appropriations Committee votes 9 to 0 against this amendment no matter how right it is and it is right. There is no justification for this \$123,000. Senator Koch, you hurt me deeply and you are wrong. I hope the body would support me.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Newell, second Newell amendment, to LB 587. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the second Newell amendment to LB 587. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, I would like to have a Call of the House.