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SENATOR SIMON: Yes or no or tax cuts, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Does this bill increase the taxes?

SENATOR SIMON: Yes or no. Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Haberman has always supported any motion, any amendment, any legislative bill that would either, that would either, Senator Haberman, number one, decrease taxes or provide for cuts. Now I am confused. I would like to follow your lead, I like to support legislation that is responsible, I like to support legislation that deals with consolidation of responsible agencies, I like to take care of those types of responsible positions providing for responsible legislation. Yet we have something that comes a little bit nearer and closer to home with Senator Haberman than perhaps sales tax on food does, which somehow seems to be more of an urban concern. We find that Senator Haberman and others and I don't mean to include Senator Schmit in that category because Senator Schmit was one of those who voted for it, but we find when the shoe is on the other foot it looks a bit differently. That is the only comment I wish to make.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes, do you wish to speak to the Lewis amendment?

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I just have a couple of things to say about it. Senator Schmit talked about fine tuning, if Senator Frank Lewis will just listen for a moment he has probably brought something to the floor of this legislature that is going to fine tune these budget bills better than anything we have ever had brought forward so far this year or will be brought forward. We are talking about a million dollars. A million dollars that is going to be decided, the issue is going to be decided in a bill that is going to come up whether we have a vet college in Nebraska or not. Frank Lewis has brought one thing to our attention. A million dollars is going out of our state every year to support a vet college in some other state. What are we getting out of it? Paying \$12,000 a year for the student to go. No, Senator Lewis I think that you brought a good thing. I think that the people are going to realize now that there is a need for a vet college in this state, \$12,000 a student, one million dollars a year is going to cost us a lot of money, and what do we have? Just another veterinarian trained. So, Senator Lewis, after this gets through with, I'm not going to support you but I will say this, you are going to bring some fine tuning to some of these things. How does that sound, Senator Schmit?