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LB 585

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner. Senator Warner, do you wish to speak to the Lewis amendment? Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do I see five hands on ceasing debate? Okay. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Question is shall debate cease. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President, on cease debate.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate has ceased. The Chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis on his amendment to LB 585.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, I appreciate the time and I did appreciate the remarks. The one that I was most moved by was Senator Kahle as he had almost a tear in his eye explaining how I was hurting young people. But as I look down on the previous bill it was very difficult for me to glean that same tear in his eye. What he basically said was I really don't care about young people in Lincoln or Bellevue or Omaha or Kearney or North Platte or wherever they are. What I am interested in and can move me to tears are those students that I have an interest in. I certainly have tried hard to avoid any kind of fight that would leave between us and them. Now Senator Schmit, had me trembling in my chair as he threatened to fine folks in my community and the dollars, the meager dollars, the very meager dollars that they receive from this legislature. It took a great deal of courage to even get back up. If I hadn't thought of my mother I wouldn't have made it back up to start with but she said don't let any guy that smokes big cigars intimidate you and I don't intend to do that, Senator Schmit. We all understand the amendment, we all understand the process. In the seven years that I have been here we either tried to work out things, or we try to play push and shove. My preference is push and shove. It is more exciting, more delightful, it is less boring. Now I learned from some people as they sit around me in terms of how to do that. I think that Senator Schmit brought up a good idea and I intend to pursue it. I think that we ought to vote for each and everyone one of those things in those budget bills. Line item. Because obviously there is some dissention within that committee. Obviously there is some concern within that committee in terms of how that appropriation took place. When you can't put them on consent file you debate them. So I am prepared, not with superficial amendments, but with amendments we will get down right to the cutting time in terms of what we want to put in and what we want to leave out. Let me tell you I am absolutely