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this amendment would strike 123,428 dollars from the University's budget. These monies were specifically designated for the State University of Nebraska. I have explained this amendment before. Simply I would like to run through again and explain why I feel this 123,428 dollars is not necessary to the University's budget. The University, in 1974, came to the Legislature and asked for monies to begin a program called the State University of Nebraska. This program was to be self-supporting after the first year. That was in 1974. For those who have problems with math, the date is now 1979, and we still have 123, 428 dollars in the University's budget for a self-supporting program known as SUN. This program in its second year in the fall of 1975 had an enrollment of 1,134. In its fifth year the enrollment's down substantially to 242. As I explained before, this comes to approximately 510 dollars per student, while when you add the tuition that those students pay for these credit hours, it is approximately 800 dollars per student. I also would remind this body that we are not talking about fulltime students. We are talking about students whose average enrolled credit hours is less than three credit hours. Now I have not figured it out on a per credit basis, but that makes...that makes it almost 280 dollars per credit for these students. This is the last year that the program will be directly designated as SUN. After this it will be hidden away and that 123,000 will be part of the seven percent that the University asks for an increase each and every year...for a program, I remind you in 1974 it was supposed to be a one-year start up cost program. For that reason I offer to strike this monies. They're unnecessary. It's a waste. It's a promise not kept by the University. I would appreciate your support.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the Newell amendment to 587. Senator Cullan, do you wish to speak on the Newell motion? Senator Frank Lewis, do you wish to speak on the Newell motion?

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I rise to support the Newell motion, and I'd have a question for the introducer.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, senator.

SENATOR LEWIS: Senator Newell, I've got an amendment down the way to buy a chiller already purchased by the University. Would you be willing to commit this money to help buy that chiller so that we can live up to the statutory