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SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Lewis amendment to the...okay, Senator Newell go ahead, and then Senator Simon.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, as you will recall when I accepted Senator Lewis' support, I said that I preferred his motion the way it was, and I still do. You cannot take...I think the University is going to end up being a winner in this thing if this is accepted. You can't tell the University that we're going to cut a program, even if it is only a 123,000, and then put it back into Central Administration when they, you know, when they have authorized the chiller. Now, if we're going to make a point, even though we're talking about minimal dollar amounts, monies that can be easily absorbed by the University, you don't do it in this way. The University, as you well know, has asked...has fought for total control of their budget, and to at this point in time say, yes sometimes well you just keep asking us for money. It defeats Senator Lewis' purpose. It defeats my purpose, and I think it defeats this Legislature's purpose. You don't teach people a lesson by saying thank you for manipulating us, and that's exactly what they're doing. For that reason I strongly oppose the Lewis amendment. I like the amendment that Senator Lewis and Senator Lamb worked out just the way it is. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh and then Senator Duis. Senator Marsh, do you wish to speak? We're now working on the Lewis amendment to the Lewis amendment.

SENATOR MARSH: I'm grateful that it takes 25 votes so that at least a majority of this body is going on record however they vote. Senator Newell wants to teach someone a lesson. All we're doing is hurting our own children and our own grandchildren by your action on the floor today. If you want to fund the chiller, fund it. We have dollars. Use those dollars to fund the chiller if that's what you're trying to do, but don't chop up the University so that it can't even do a first class job. I'm a graduate of this institution...proud to be. I wonder if our grandchildren will be able to say the same thing when this is the way we're trying to chop it up now. Is there anyone even listening? It's nice to see that there are a few hands who are concerned. I would like to remind you that the University said the chiller was their number one capital construction, and how are you funding it...with capital construction dollars? Oh no. Senator Lewis has several things in the capital construction, and he doesn't want to