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they said, we're not paying any attention to that. They said we're going to buy whatever we want in capital construction and you guys can stick it, and then they send the sophisticated PR guys over here, and say, listen the University loves you, and you love the University as Senator Marsh says, but basically what they're saying as we'd say it in AGa is, we'll do as damn well as we please, and you guys can take a hike. They think you're stupid. They don't think you can think. They think they can out-finesse you, and you might as well once and for all tell them, we ain't buying it. Now as far as I'm concerned, they can have the opinion of anybody in this place they want to, but they're not going to shove me and lean on me and do as they please without me doing the fighting. And they've got the people in here defending them, saying geez how I love the University. I have probably voted for as many appropriations for the University of Nebraska as anybody in this room, and there's no one that's any better in terms of support of higher education than I am, but we're going to get right down to the mark. We're going to tow it right now as to who's calling the shots. It's either going to be over there or it's going to be over here. They lied. They deceived you. They went beyond their authority, and they know it, and I'm ashamed of Senator Marsh for defending that. I'm ashamed of that. I told them the next time they wanted to build a building why don't they do it and send us the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You've got one minute left.

SENATOR LEWIS: This is the crux issue of the session as far as I'm concerned. Who is going to run that institution? Who is going to be responsible for the money? I vote here, not over there, and if you want to vote with them, you go right ahead, but they're not going to put a little harness on me and lead me down Main Street, and parade in a funny costume and say that they can do as they damn well please. This vote is not going to be unanimous, because I'm supporting this amendment and I'm supporting the motion all the way through.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle, do you wish to be recognized on the motion? Senator DeCamp, do you wish to be recognized? The motion is the adoption of the Lewis amendment to the Lewis amendment. All those in favor vote aye. Opposed...do you want to read the amendment again? It's been a little while.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lewis moves to amend the