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Complex for \$2,241,500 and these are phased over at least two or three years. The UNL Temple Building which is the bill that I introduced along with Senator Landis for \$6,149,249, the Historical Society Elks Building for \$950,000. I have added to that the planning money for the additional Kearney State for \$25,000, total cost of \$4,069,500 and I have added agricultural engineering at \$2,756,000. The amendment speaks for itself. It strikes those capital construction items and it reinstates the chiller so that the University may go forth with your wholehearted support and recommendation in terms of what their priorities are and I think the amendment is an excellent one. I would urge the adoption.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner, did you wish to speak to the Lewis amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am going to speak once on the amendment as well as the amendment to the amendment. Some time ago I indicated and I am concerned about the impact of second and third year funding and some of the projects that are currently before you now. Included in the two amendments at least are projects that I, too, had considered to be stricken and I think I indicated I would probably at some point offer such a motion. I have pretty well decided today not to do that, at least not now, because as long as we have got a couple of substantial increases being proposed that are not yet disposed of, expanding aid programs which will result in a substantial increase over a 7% increase next year. If they all go there is no question about the impact on rates and my position is that if you are going to break...well, first my position is that you take care of state needs first. Whether I might agree personally with each of them or not is another issue but you take care of state issues first before you, financial issues, before we start assuming more aid programs and then, secondly, until those two issues or other major issues are resolved I do not believe that reductions ought to be made. The rate is going to be broken anyway by a couple of other bills a year from now, then there is obviously no need to take these projects out. All of them are going to be built at some point or other. You try to arrive at some kind of orderly number that you can handle but until the Legislature has resolved some of these other issues I do not believe, at least I am not personally supporting reductions in the capital construction bill at this point. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING