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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fitzgerald.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Mr. Speaker, I'm not at Franks's. I want to talk on Rex's. Is it permissible to talk on his? One project of the four?

SPEAKER MARVEL: We are speaking to the Lewis amendment to the Haberman amendment.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Well I want to talk to the Haberman amendment. I will wait then.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay. Senator Haberman, do you wish to talk to the Lewis amendment?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes, I do, Mr. President. Following the fine leadership of Senator Frank Lewis, I will support his amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fitzgerald, do you wish to speak to the...just a moment. All right, Senator Fitzgerald, you have the floor.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: I am on Section 40, Program 902, the Elks Building. Myself personally, I can't see why the state wants to buy a white elephant down there in Lincoln. On the historical building here in my figures we spent \$20,000. It was in '76 or '77 for initial designs and anybody from the Appropriations Committee can, I know they will say this, we had a \$160,000 for further study. Do you mean to tell me that we have spent a \$180,000 for this building that was supposed to have been right south of the capitol and we are going to buy the Elks Building and put this here facility in a building that is not suitable for it? Now how are we going to tell the taxpayers we have spent \$180,000 and what are we going to do with these designs? We had the blueprints for the building. We have the land for the building over there and you mean to tell me that we are just going to take this \$180,000 and take this paper and give it out to the penitentiary where Barry had his recycling program going? Could I have somebody would give me some answers on this? I would love to have them from the Appropriations Committee or anybody else from pushing for the Elks Building. I wish Senator Dworak was here.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you want to pose a question of Senator Warner?

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Yes, Senator Warner.