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SENATOR LEWIS: I am closing?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Well let me see if there is anyone else that wishes to speak to your amendment. Senator Cope, do you wish to speak to the Lewis amendment?

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, yes, I would like to speak on one point of it particularly and that is the \$25,000 planning request for a library addition at Kearney. Now originally there was \$74,000 for planning money. We cut it in the Appropriations Committee down to twenty-five. We could barely get through so that we could keep the budget in the right place but it is absolutely a necessity that we have this addition to the library at Kearney State. I don't know whether you realize it or not but Kearney State enrolls over half of the students attending state colleges in Nebraska and of that the library is the second smallest of the four. We have outgrown it, outgrew it quite a while ago and it is too small. We need this library desperately and any time that anybody wants to rule out the \$25,000 planning money for that I am going to argue long and loud.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, do you wish to speak to the...? Okay, there are no other lights so I recognize Senator Lewis to close on his amendment.

SENATOR LEWIS: Distinguished President and members of this body, the capital construction bills now have about five projects in them. I would like to start by asking Senator Warner a question. Senator Warner, as part of your obligations as chairman of the Appropriations Committee you must rule or recommend to the Chair what parts are in the Governor's recommendation and what parts are not. Is that correct?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR LEWIS: And if they are not in the Governor's recommendation, how many votes does it take?

SENATOR WARNER: Thirty.

SENATOR LEWIS: Of the five projects we have listed here, are they included in the Governor's recommendation?

SENATOR WARNER: Ag Engineering was; the chiller was; the library at Kearney I do not recall for sure and in the case of Eppley, I know there was planning money there and it is probably a question whether or not the appropriation at the level here