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SENATOR LEWIS PRESIDING

SENATOR LEWIS: One minute, Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: ...with this vote that we are going to take and I hope that everybody will understand exactly what we are voting on because I for one and Senator Goodrich are supporting 138 because we think it is the right way to go. We think it is the way that the state should be obligated to take care of these costs that are mounting, and if the state is having trouble with 7%, just think what the counties are going to have. I just had a call from a gentleman that said the jail standards are going to have to be raised in their county as of I believe June 1st and this is mandated by the State of Nebraska through the Jail Standards Board and there is no money to do it with at the county level. They cannot do it and stay within the 7% lid. So this is the other side of that issue.

SENATOR LEWIS: You are out of time, Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay, thank you very much.

SENATOR LEWIS: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, I rise in opposition to Senator Warner's amendment. I think we need to put this into perspective. The budget committee, the Appropriations Committee started out this year with a self-imposed 7% lid. We have lived within that 7% limitation. Now we put two bills out on the floor for you people, Senator Kahle, to make a choice on. One of those bills is 138 and the other one is 591. Now if we want to live within a 7% lid, we can't have both 591 and 138. It has to be one or the other. We can, however, have the capital construction bill. We also have left \$5. some million for discretionary spending on the floor of the Legislature. Now I think it is very important that this body understand also that we are projecting our revenues on a mild recession. Now we had the choice of a severe deep recession, a mild recession and no recession. Now that is the bet on the future. I was convinced by the reports we received from the Chase Econometric System that we probably would be going into a mild recession until I saw what the supply of money did yesterday, M 1 and M 2 increased dramatically. This would lead me to believe that chances are we will not feel a recession in the State of Nebraska in the next year but I think the point of the matter