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just before the Warner amendment. Having been made completely superfluous by the Warner amendment, I withdrew it. However, I would like to bring it to the attention of the body right now. I think it may well be a temperate measure at this moment and that is following the DeCamp motion, and take this into account when you are considering the DeCamp motion, I will move for a specific amendment, particularly if the DeCamp motion is agreed to, to strike from the capital construction bill that amount of the funds that is designated for the renovation of the Temple Building. Now that may surprise some of you, since of course, as you might recall, LB 385 was cosigned by Senator Lewis and myself. I will support instead of the \$6,149,000 figure the insertion of the words "\$3,436,000, the purpose of this to construct the addition to the side which has the experimental space in the new theatre." It reduces the second, third and fourth year of obligations and reduces the obligations in that bill by over \$3 million. Now I am willing to do that because that capital construction bill really should be passed by the Legislature this year because the needs are real, number one, and number two, for exactly the philosophical reason stated by both Senator Warner and Senator DeCamp. I am at least somewhat tempted to offer a name change for this body and call us all the State Commissioners. Isn't that what we have for counties now, County Commissioners? I know we have been up in the air recently about name changes and the like and perhaps that is a more adequate name for us all, if we go ahead with our plans here of gutting the amount of money we can use for state purposes and replacing it with aid programs designed to supplement local political subdivisions. I think also there is at this juncture a desire to at least stem the tide on the Theatre Arts Building. From my point of view, I would expect that to be acceptable to the body since those of us who have supported this measure are willing to compromise in this way and we can bring the total cost figures down. That will make it a more palatable bill for many of us. What remains unanswered, I think, in the discussion so far is where the Legislature is going to come down on the issue of using state revenues and state tax base monies for state purposes or are we to act as a flow through only to political subdivisions beneath us in the hierarchy of government. I, for one, am going to support the DeCamp amendment. In the event it is successful, I will offer an amendment to chop \$3 million of the renovation money off of the Temple Building line item right now and I would hope that that would draw all of us back to the idea that the state construction capital construction money is for state purpose well based on needs demonstrated to us

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