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PRESIDENT LUEDTKE PRESIDING

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: Have you all registered your presence so we can started this afternoon. We need a few more. Record the presence.

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kremer for point of personal privilege.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, once again this is the 62nd wedding anniversary of our very fine friend and Sergeant at Arms, Mr. Ray Wilson. I think we owe it to him to have him be recognized by us.

PRESIDENT: I agree. Ray, on behalf of all of us sincere congratulations to you and your good wife. Thank you, Senator Kremer. Alright, we will proceed then with the pending matter of LB 594, the DeCamp amendment. Senator Lewis was next to speak. I don't see Senator Lewis here, so we'll go on to...Senator George is not here. He was next, so we'll go to Senator Cope. The Chair recognizes Senator Cope speaking to the DeCamp amendment.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, I support the DeCamp amendment. It's exactly what was eliminated this morning and I just want to say over again after a great deal of deliberation the Appropriations Committee decided on this funding, and believe me there was a lot of deliberation, and I would like to see it reinstated as it was originally in 594. Speaking specifically, that is from a personal standpoint for the state colleges, the library addition at Kearney State was eliminated this morning. There was a \$25,000 study for this project. This library, the addition, is needed...I'd say desperately at Kearney State. I have said before I hope you remember that Kearney State has sixty percent of the students of the state colleges in Nebraska and yet has the second smallest library in the group. That doesn't mean the others are too large. It just means that Kearney State is growing and the library has been small for quite a while, that is the last several years since the enrollment started up again, and it is needed and needed very badly. So from an overall standpoint of the decision made by the Appropriations Committee and personally, of course, because of the library addition, I would ask you to support Senator DeCamp's amendment.