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LB 594

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh. Senator Marsh. Is she here? Senator George, did you wish to....here's Senator Marsh. The Chair has recognized Senator Marsh. We're still speaking to the DeCamp amendment to LB 594. The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature, as one of the members of the Appropriations Committee, I rise to support this opportunity to reconsider some rather hasty action this morning. Some of you voted to support it assuming it would not go. Now is the time to correct what was done this morning. Some of you truly support it and believe in it, and I do not expect you to probably change your mind. But those who wanted the honor, the privilege, the joy of being able to say, I voted against this spending measure but really did not expect it to go, please help me by voting to support Senator DeCamp's amendment which would reverse the action taken this morning when even the majority of those voting did not expect the motion to be adopted.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator George. George says no. Alright, that will then...Senator Frank Lewis did not show...he's the only other one that had requested to speak, so the....ready to close, Senator DeCamp? Senator DeCamp, are you ready to close on your motion?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, so you all know what the amendment does, it reinstates most of those projects but it does not fund the chiller. The way Senator Warner's amendment was, or whoever it was, they were adding money for the chiller but cutting everything else. Mine does not deal with the chiller. If somebody wants to deal with that, I think that's a separate thing, and it does reinstate those other projects. It's my understanding from listening to Senator Landis, it's my understanding from listening to him that they're going to offer to cut that one project that apparently is the source of controversy in about half from six million to about three million. You all know what the issue is now, but what's the real issue? I think the real issue is pretty deep and pretty serious, and I get back to my point, we have become over years merely a body to farm out money, to process it....send it to somebody else, not to deal with our state problems. How many of you ever remember doing anything on roads in here? Huh? Doggone little. It's all routine, isn't it?