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it at the point when we were saying what we were going to do, because now it's back for a specific amendment and that specific amendment that it was brought back for is before us, and that's what we're voting on, what we brought it back for. You should have brought up the matter of division at that point, that you were going to bring it back for a division of the question. In the first place you'd have to break it down into several.... under Program 999 you'd have to break it down into all those various parts of 999. Alright, anything else Senator Murphy? Okay. The Chair recognizes Senator Newell. Senator Newell, you pass...you pass. Alright. Senator Venditte. Senator Venditte changes his mind. Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, I didn't change my mind.

PRESIDENT: I didn't think you would.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, we're down to some hard nosed decisions and I think they're all related. I have the voting pattern of those who wanted to cut the appropriations out of 594 and about nineteen members that want 138 voted that way. Senator Labeledz wants the Omaha sales tax for Omaha, but maybe Omaha ought to be deprived at the same time and we play the same ball game. The Omaha sales tax, 138, school aid, capital construction, are all related, and I predict with a little bit of effort all four of them can be defeated. It's time to get down to the issue at hand. First of all let me tell you that I am very proud of the Appropriations Committee. They studied the issues very clearly. They looked at those issues and they said, here's what we think of the legitimate needs of the state, and I know that some of you don't think much about projects in Lincoln and Omaha, or most of my people don't think much about them in Kearney either, didn't think much about the Life Science Building and we're going to have a nice debate on the Vets Science Building when it comes up. The easiest way to defeat most pieces of legislation is a failing to appreciate where the other person is coming from. There's very few bills in here that's ever passed with twenty votes. I recall none, and I know some of you don't like some of the projects in there. There's a few I don't give a damn for myself, if you'll pardon the expression, Mr. President. I'm having to swallow pretty hard in terms of the Omaha sales tax. I think that's been mismanaged, mishandled, and I certainly can vote the other way, and I certainly don't mind doing so, if we really want to get down to it. I don't