

planned and will be completed sometime in May, 1980. As the renovation of Majors Hall has not been allowed to proceed because the facility has not been purchased, Peru State College has requested the language to be changed to allow renovation if the facility was leased. The appropriation to Peru State College for the fiscal year of 1980-81 includes \$22,536 to lease Majors Hall. This together with the change in language will allow the college to initiate renovation with the \$300,000 they currently have available to them. Note," says the fiscal analyst, "that the proposed lease for the facility calls for a twenty year payment of \$22,536 annually or a total of \$450,720." Now I think along the way, fellow legislators, you and I are going to have to take a hard look at the continued existence of Peru State College and while we take a look at the existence of Peru State College, I don't think we should have our decision making hampered by the fact that we put \$300,000 into a facility we still haven't recovered in a sense, all of that taxpayer investment. I think we ought to stop now and just not renovate this facility and the first step I want to do is to take out of the appropriation the \$22,000 that we are going to have to spend annually for the lease of the facility so that we can go and renovate it. I frankly do not believe Peru State will be open by the end of the 1980s. You know, we have had a number of private colleges in the state financed, not with public dollars, but with private dollars and they have had to close their doors. Look at John F. Kennedy College in Wahoo, Nebraska. Look at Hiram Scott College in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Take a look at what has happened to some private institutions. They couldn't make it but of course when an institution is dependent upon public dollars and the public dollars are always there and we really don't challenge, we really don't challenge this expenditure of money, that place will stay open forever. Now I think the time has come for us to draw some lines and here is as good a place to begin as any. With this amendment we will take out the lease arrangement and then later on when 997 comes back before us I will work on the \$300,000 for the renovation money.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The following wish to speak on the motion that Senator Johnson made. Senator Warner, Senator Merz, Senator Newell, Senator Marsh, Senator Carsten, Senator Dworak, Senator DeCamp, Senator Koch, Senator Simon, Senator Schmit. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, very briefly then with the number who wish to speak, Senator Johnson has outlined some of the factual history. The facts as they are now is that