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the principal negotiators for the University system but again the Board of Regents can spread that \$250,000 diminution among virtually every program it sees fit because under Supreme Court interpretation it has got the prerogative to do so. I can't think of a more important issue for us to be involved with, Senator Koch. You are a strong supporter of education and I am a strong supporter of education and so, too, is virtually every member in this body, and if we allow the morale of our people in higher education to continue to be eroded, to continue to be eroded by Board of Regents inaction and cavalier action, we do a real disservice to our children and to public education. I ask you to approve the amendment so that our message is heard and made clear.

CLERK: Mr. President, the amendment offered by Senator Johnson would provide for no increase in General Funds for the University of Nebraska Central Administration.

SPEAKER MARVEL: (Gavel) Okay, you have heard the motion. All those in favor of the Johnson motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? You want a record vote?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, I do want a record vote.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Record the vote.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 1545, Legislative Journal.) 6 ayes, 25 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance 560 to E & R for review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is carried. The bill is advanced. Senator Warner.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 561 (read title).

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move the bill be advanced. 561 is the bill that contains all the various aid programs both to governmental subdivisions as well as the individuals. It contains \$372,926,613 of general fund money which is approximately 52 percent of the total general fund appropriation to be made. The total authorization is \$638,940,000, \$230 million of that being federal funds. If you look at the blue book, it starts on page 65 and then by agencies reflects the dollar amount that is contained in each of the