

colleges. This year we're taking an additional step. I also am concerned, once you start down the path, the precedent question of how far this could end up going, I don't mind this amount of money, I don't mind the intent of it, but I think we have to understand there is a limit to how much resources we have available. So I would, at this time, like to extend a cautionary note to the path we're following and that I think our public institutions have got to have their needs met and that our private colleges need assistance, but we have to have some sense of priorities here. But this particular item is of no concern, while it is of concern, but I think it is a reasonable effort at this time. But, again, I just would like to raise that note now for future reference of concern about how much expenditure in the future might be anticipated in this area.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any further discussion on Section 35? If not, we'll move on to Section 36. Senator Warner, are you going to handle that one, too? Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. President, members, Section 36 deals with the faculty salary increases for the state college system. And there is a committee amendment. Let me first update you with what was in the Governor's bill. The Governor appropriated \$910,000 in General Funds for fiscal year '88-89 for faculty salary improvement. The funds were based upon, and incidentally this applies to all four state college campuses, and this particular faculty salary improvement would be in addition to those increases in LB 782, passed last session. This, you will recall, is based on a collective bargaining agreement reached last December, and that was...this is based on peer groups. We'll get into this, I'm sure, more as we discuss also the university's faculty salary increases as well. But what you do is you go out and survey your peer group institutions. The state colleges used a 22 member peer group institution to arrive at what is a reasonable faculty salary. The committee started with the Governor's number, based on that collective bargaining agreement, based on those peer group institution faculty salary increases, and took a look at the numbers and found that we needed to add in an additional number if, in fact, we were going to be able to take care of not only the full-time faculty, but also those people who would be considered summer or part-time adjunct faculty.

PRESIDENT: Excuse me, Senator Scofield.