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as established by law.

SENATOR SIMON: Sort of like buying a pig in a poke.

SENATOR WARNER: No, I wouldn't ever call education a pig in a poke. I think education probably is about the most fundamental expenditure we have.

SENATOR SIMON: No, what I meant was the fact that we are authorizing money and not knowing specifically what it's going for.

SENATOR WARNER: Well it would be no different in the case of the University than any other agency. I can cite frequent occasions where one year we add funds for a specific purpose to an agency within the same program and that program director determines as the year progresses the use of the funds in some different fashion that we always raise issues at the subsequent hearing as to why that adjustment was made, and in most instances you know we would find it was an appropriate administrative decision and they had rationale for it. Once in a while they do not and they'll come back in the same year asking for the position that we gave them last year but used the money for something else and then we don't give them the money the second time.

SENATOR SIMON: Thank you, Senator Warner. I think that last point that you made is the key point. If a particular agency takes the money and uses it for different purpose, they do run the risk the following year of not getting that money, or of getting budget cuts or not getting what the request is. At least we do have control over state government, except for the University. I think it is buying a pig in a poke. I think of education, while it's the best value that money can buy, Senator Warner, I think in the case of the \$400,000, when I have no idea what it's going for, when nobody in this body can tell me what it's going for, when the Chairman of the very powerful Appropriations Committee who...and I respect your opinion very much, Senator Warner, but, and I also respect your candidness, when you cannot tell me where the money is going for, even irregardless I guess of the Supreme Court decision, I am not about to spend \$400,000 for what I consider a pig in a poke. I'm not about to spend \$400,000 for money which we have no inclination of what it's going for.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have a minute left.