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SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I urge you to oppose the amendment as well. Senator Burrows did state, but I am not sure everyone was listening, we do not have the ability to say you will cut just certain salaries at the University, that is a decision which was decided in a court of law. We do not have that authority. The \$400,000 or any figure removed from the budget will not necessarily be removed from those salaries. I recall perhaps before half of this body was here, that another Senator who went on to Washington took out \$500,000 and where did the cut really come? The groundskeepers, the janitorial staff. It hurt but it didn't hurt where he intended it to hurt. What I am saying is, if you think the total overall budget is too high, you have a right to cut, but do not assume it will come in this quarter. I urge you to reject the amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL PRESIDING

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I just briefly would oppose the amendment. It has already been pointed out that essentially the purpose for which Senator Burrows is offering the amendment really would not necessarily be accomplished. I think he has called attention to the Board of Regents of his concern, and I would hope they would take that into account when they do their allocation of the budget as approved by the Legislature, but I would hope the body would not adopt the amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator DeCamp. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

CLERK: Senator Nichol voting aye.

SENATOR NICHOL: Record, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 2 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Burrows, did you want to close, please?

SENATOR BURROWS: Yes. Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I want to bring one point out very clear on this as far as the constitutional ability. We have the leverage here in proposing and passing the budget each year. We have the total leverage over the Regents, and if we feel it is proper to set a limit of 32 to \$3400 on the amount of