

dollars and setting it aside when it could be used for some other purpose if it is not the intent of the proponents of the vet college to spend it in the first instance. I....maybe Senator Warner and others on the Appropriations Committee could address the significance of setting money aside and not spending it. It seems to me that it really didn't make any sense to appropriate money if we are not going to spend it. Secondly, if eventually we are not going to spend it until certain conditions are met. It doesn't seem to me to make any sense not to write those conditions into the statute. In other words, unless those conditions are written into the statute, as I read the appropriation bills and again Senator Warner and others can correct me if I am wrong, there would be nothing to prevent the Board of Regents from taking that money and spending it. Now maybe I am missing something or maybe I am simple minded about this thing but I just don't think that it makes any sense for us to appropriate money we don't intend to spend. If we are going to wait for certain conditions to take place well lets state those conditions in the statute.....in the proposal. I'm kind of mystified by this whole process. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, in response to Senator Hoagland's questions there is a possibility the money will be spent if the other conditions are met which involves the federal funding, involves the participation of other states. So to say categorically that the money will not be spent is not exactly true, but the money, we have pledged that the money will not be spent until the other conditions are met. To get back to the amendment, this amendment as Senator Kahle has explained is not spending money per se, it is transferring it from one pocket to the other so that the Final Reading version of LB 245A will not have to be changed and as Senator Warner has explained as the bill is written it does use cigarette tax money this is merely transferring the money around in LB 562 so that that cigarette tax money is available for the veterinary college should the bill pass.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Am I closing?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle is closing on the motion.