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would further reduce that, maybe down to 2½...I think one of them that is filed up there, and while our current figure allows a 2.9 percent increase, I would have hesitancy to support the amendment at this point, and then of course, we add the fact that we are about 6.6 million above receipts now altogether in any event. It is getting a little bit difficult. We will have to find some places to cut.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp, did you want to talk on the amendment? Is Senator Newell in the House? Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think probably I should make some comments relative to this and this motion of Senator Koch's. I think in the original proposal that we had in 816 there was a difference of figures that were submitted to us by the technical colleges as well as the counties and when we had an update on those a month later we then found that there was as I recall something like \$187,000 difference was where the problems arose after we had made our decision on 816, and it was not done intentionally. It was just the way the figures worked out after we were finally able to get what we hope is now authentic and I am sure that was the reason for the prompting of this amendment to restore that to that technical college fund. I guess while I hate to, in light of everything else recommend that I support this, but I guess I will because of those things that have happened during this session. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would suggest that this is perhaps a fair amendment that Senator Koch has and since Senator Carsten and Senator Warner apparently agree, I would move for the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch, do you have any closing?

SENATOR KOCH: Only to say, Mr. Chairman, I think we all understand that certain parts of our state, the area colleges when we cut them a little bit it is rather severe, particularly western and some of the others that have some problems. It's not necessarily all that significant to Metro but I do believe western and the western area colleges deserve a fair treatment in the fact that when they levy oftentimes and if you recall a year ago we gave them some extra money simply because they couldn't get 7 percent under the present situation. So I think in all