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SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this is the Morrill Hall amendment that this is different than the last one that we had because there is no money in it. So we shouldn't have too much of a problem. All we do is authorize the University to develop a program statement from Morrill Hall recognizing the vote last time about the money. We will try and find the money from within the budget or from private donors and try and proceed. We do need a program statement I understand, how much we are talking about in terms of cost and it is important that we do that this year. So that is what we are doing is authorizing that statement.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, just to clarify a little further the statutes as I am sure most of you know but to freshen your mind, requires for any capital construction project that a program statement be done before we appropriate money for design and getting ready for construction, and make it clear that should the University find funds by contributions or whatever, at least we have authorized that that program statement would be developed and that will then be in keeping with what the statute requires, although obviously it is the intent of the body that the general fund money not be used.

SENATOR NICHOL: Did you want to close, Senator Wesely? Oh, Senator Newell, did you wish to speak?

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, I would like to.....

SENATOR NICHOL: Excuse me, sir, I am sorry.

SENATOR NEWELL: I would like to ask a question. Senator Wesely, just how far are we on....how far down is Morrill Hall on the University's wish list for capital construction?

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, on the wish list it is down a ways but they have supported the legislation to try and proceed with it.

SENATOR NEWELL: How far is down a ways?

SENATOR WESELY: It is down there a ways. I don't know exactly.

SENATOR NEWELL: Okay, thank you, Senator Wesely. Mr. President, you know we have a law on the books that says