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important and I would ask for your support. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I want to repeat one more time so it is clear. The suggested cut that was made was solely on the basis that the historical expenditure for these assistants could be funded within the level that was left in the bill. There was no reduction in staff as it now exists. Now the issue currently came up that the same rule would need to be looked at, that everybody would be allocated the same amount of staff but a reduced amount to reflect the reduced amount of money, and I would suggest that we would then end up the same place we are now with some of us not using all of the staff authorized and the money still wouldn't be used. And I see no reason to add for money that in all probability will not be spent unless we are just going to have an iron rule that everybody gets the same which is the rule now but there is no particular need for it because all of us do not use the same and we have been arguing for a long time on this issue and which I think we are arguing over nothing because there is going to be funds to provide the staff we now have and I don't see any point in adding staff and that is in total and that is the sum of it.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Marsh, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MARSH: A personal privilege, I left some papers and a white pen with green ink in a telephone booth and the script on the paper starts out "My name is Shirley Marsh", so it can't get mixed up except that someone may have just picked them up accidentally. It is a report on the affirmative action and I really need it back if someone could help me find it. I would appreciate it.

SENATOR CLARK: All right. Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, I would ask you to oppose the amendment. I think Senator Warner made it perfectly clear that the chances are remote that you won't have the staff you had but I guess the reason or what I would like to say is that it is easy for us as the Legislature to cut all agencies, to cut salaries, to do everything, but when it gets down to us, that is a different story. I think that is why people don't have too much faith in government, that we can do this, but, boy, is it ouchy when we start doing it to ourselves. I think this was one of the best moves that Senator Warner suggested