

SENATOR LAMB: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR VICKERS: It's not going to take me that long. I just want to make this point that cuts do not necessarily need to be done at the bottom end in all state agencies, including the University. Some of them could be made at the top. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, and Senator Haberman, I am going to oppose your proposition, but before I do that I would make just a couple of generalized comments which would provide a context for most of what I might do or say this session. I don't think that we ought to nickel and dime any division or aspect of the University to death. It would be very easy to say if you take a quarter here, a dollar there, \$10 someplace else, then it is not going to make much difference to that particular department or division and overall you might accumulate enough money to make it look to the public like a substantial savings has resulted. But sometimes we can be dollarwise...what is it, pennywise and pound foolish, but in any case there are instances when a small amount of money can be saved and it can be made to appear that efficiency is the basis for it. But we never total up the human cost in terms of morale or the feeling that you don't count for anything with those who are supposed to be funding and making judgments about you. Now with the three propositions that Senator Haberman dealt with, the Ombudsman's office, there was information obtained by one of the legislative personnel that this office does resolve numerous disputes which if they were not resolved at that level would go to litigation and there would be a much greater cost to the University were these disputes to go to litigation than is engendered as a result of the office or department existing now. As far as the office of Afghanistan Studies, this is the only office like this in the western world, not western meaning west of the Mississippi, but the whole world. You all have heard the expression "Third World". Has anybody told you what the "First World" is and what the "Second World" is? One is Russia and one is the United States and their respective satellites, clients, allies or whatever they are referred to. So in one of the worlds, whether it be first or second, this department is unique. The Director has given radio interviews very recently on the tunnel explosion that occurred in Afghanistan the other day to radio stations in Atlanta, Chicago, Omaha and others around the country. So there is something which exists in association with the University system which draws attention to the state other than football and I am not saying this to disparage the football program at this particular point. I want my statements to be totally positive with reference to a program that has intellectual content. It has stimulated the existence of a more intensive language program at the University which is needed throughout the country. English is not the only language spoken throughout the world. There are various scientific and other languages besides English. Monetary matters are sometimes conducted in languages other than English. Now there are I believe a number of grants and scholarship programs that have been spun off as a result of this Afghanistan