

come from other sources of revenue that the medical center might find. Where they will be redirected from, or what their source might be, I don't know. Essentially, what we are recommending, by the level of appropriation in here, is those expenses which I have some control by the medical center, that is the portion that they have to find the revenue source for, those parts of the cost which is beyond their control, that is the bid for the work and some of the expenses that are being incurred in shoring up the facility now, that is the part that is being covered by the General Fund appropriation recommended. So it isn't at the level of appropriation recommended. It isn't as if the taxpayer is picking up the total cost because, obviously, they are not. If they would have been...if we would have been recommending that why they would have been 600,000 of that. Obviously, and I don't know the answer to the question, obviously however, there isn't some magic money tree that you can shake those additional million dollars off of. It will come out of something. Either they have to increase the hospital fees, in some fashion I suppose, or they divert from something else. But in any event you just aren't going to magically find that additional money, it will come out of something. And when I think back to the number of times...it's no different than when you make across-the-board cuts, as we have in recent years because of revenue problems, then three or four years later we find out that those across-the-board cuts, pick any agency you like, you find that something was discontinued because it was not able to fund it. And the same thing could be true here. I don't know what you will be taking the funding away from. But you will be taking something away, without any question, if you adopt Senator Moore's amendment. But we are saying they should eat, if that's the word you like to use, they ought to be blamed for, we are saying that those items of cost that they have control over is their responsibility. Those items will cost to restore the building, make it usable, which will be based on an outside bid, which they would not have any control other than the taking of the low bid. That is to be paid for from the General Fund. It seems to me that that is a reasonable solution that is being proposed and suggested, and I would urge you to reject Senator Moore's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President and members, just briefly. I, too, oppose the Moore amendment. I think that we have studied this carefully as far as appropriations are concerned and have