

University of Nebraska budgeting. Thank you, Senator Hannibal, for your answer. I'm not going to...I'm not going to bother you anymore. I'm just going to rail again here a little bit about continuing frustrations at a different level. The other day we had an amendment to the budget bill proposed by Senator Wesely and Senator Bernard-Stevens that we had to add \$50,000 on the floor here to fund a program that the Legislature had mandated but the university, gosh, they just couldn't find any money any place to fund it. I'm sure they looked. Gosh, they looked under...under mushrooms over there at the university and, doggone it, they just didn't have \$50,000 to fund this aquaculture program. So, we, the Legislature, had to dip into our reserves to come up with it. The next thing you know they're coming down and they're asking for...and this is the university system, admittedly, we're talking Lincoln Campus versus Med Center, but it's all in the university system. They're coming down here and saying, hey, we would like to have this pharmacy school repaired. The Appropriations Committee is saying, tell you what we'll do, you know, we'll fund \$2.8 million of it but you've got to come up with \$600,000. No problem. No problem. We'll find \$600,000 real easy, you know, thanks a lot for your 2.8, that was real nice of you. Now, I don't understand that. I don't understand how this poor beleaguered system can't find \$50,000 to carry out a legislative mandate that the Legislature has passed into statute but they just can't do it so they ignore that mandate and make us come up with an additional \$50,000, but when it's something they want to do, they can find \$600,000 any place. You know, I agree with Senator Moore's amendment. I think people that have said here on the floor of the Legislature, gosh, they're glad we've had this discussion because it means this will never happen again are kidding themselves. It's going to happen again as long as the Legislature stands behind the mistakes that have been made. I think the Moore amendment is a good amendment and I'm going to support it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would rise to oppose Senator Moore's amendment. What we have recommended for funding was the contractual cost, as was pointed out. Those costs over which the Medical Center would have some control, we did not fund. There's nothing magic about how much. Senator Moore wants to take another million out, Cash Funds, then Senator Moore ought to have been around long enough to