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with educational telecommunications funding of \$70,000 of General Funds, \$210,000 worth of Cash Funds that will allow us to go into a contractual arrangement to purchase a transponder for telelearning, that will put us into the satellite communications program and this program, we feel, needs to go on very quickly as well. Back to the pharmacy school, if the pharmacy school program does not start until the first of August, then those that want it not to go ahead, those that want it to be delayed will be successful and that's fine if that is your goal. But to not have the emergency clause on it will be the same thing as just voting against it, in my estimation. Now I...I don't know exactly what contractual things could happen there but I believe that's the case and I think we ought to be up front about that. There are two other sections in here. I don't know that they would be...well, even the SSIG funds, the program that Senator Withem was concerned with and I believe that there is agreement now that what we are trying to do is do a budgetary accounting process. It needs to be done before the end of the fiscal year so that we don't lock ourselves into an inflexible position with regards matching of federal funds or having, once you put funds into a program that you are bound by that program to keep those funds there, a maintenance of effort situation, that if we can move the funds and put them in two different programs, it gives us the flexibility to be able to make the policy decisions that the body wants to make. I believe that all the parties that are part of that that have been on both sides realize that we are not trying to establish a policy position with 812, merely leaving us in a position to establish a policy position whether it be with LB 468, LB 651, or with no passage of any...with passage of no law at all and have the current law stay in effect. For those reasons, if...if you can...if you are trying to voice a frustration for this process, you don't have to feel alone. We are all having frustrations with it. But to not...not vote for the E clause would be seriously damaging not only the pharmacy school but several other programs that I would hope you would reconsider.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hall, please, followed by Senator Withem and Senator Moore.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I rise in opposition to the reconsideration motion. I appreciate Senator Hannibal's concern to have this issue behind us as soon as possible but the fact of the matter is that there really is no good reason to rush into any of these things. And I think what