

positive things about support for library automation. Senator Schimek has come up and said there's some very positive things about library automation. And my hope here is that the body will go ahead and decide on Founders Hall, and I suggest the body probably should vote for Founders Hall. But I also suggest to the body that there will be an amendment offered later on 814 that will be discussing the library automation. And I would anticipate having, hopefully, the Appropriations Committee, in their discussions today, supportive of such a measure because it also has to do with capital construction or a part of the appropriations budget that deals with information for the educational use. And it would be also nice if the Legislature, not only helps build buildings, but we also build education within those buildings. And I think both can be accomplished in this particular session. And we needed to try to make the body aware of what was going to be happening and the reasons why I appreciate the discussion on this particular issue.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, please, followed by Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, as I recall yesterday we had extensive discussions because there was money put in an area of capital construction without a study. Today we did not have the money in yet, because we were waiting for the study to be completed. I guess, if you look for things to shoot at, why you shoot whatever direction you want to come from. But it's very illogical that one day you should study and the next day you shouldn't wait for the study. Well, we had the request, as has been said now by four or five of us, I guess, four or five times. The request came in a couple of weeks ago. And it's on the agenda for tonight's meeting of the Appropriations Committee, the review, along with a bunch of other things. And whether it can be done this year or not, I don't know, but it is there. One other thing I want to say about capital construction, generally, it's the last thing we do. It's the last thing we do because until such time that operations have been funded, at whatever level the committee is comfortable with, we don't even think about going out and building buildings. That's why there was no buildings for seven or eight years, virtually, maybe one or so a year, because we were out of funds, so we didn't do any. As I mentioned the other day, the only reason there are some funds, because some of these projects have been backed up for a long time, they are one-time costs, and they can be funded without future