

those were not the board office numbers but were simply the institutions enhancement, were they not?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes.

SENATOR CONWAY: Because of that, that would alter that number and bring it down quite a bit. We will be talking \$315,000 the first year and \$575,000 the second year because it would be a little less than that total amount. That is really what you are voting on. I think what we need to be looking at, and I think it is extremely important relative to state colleges, I have heard and read in the newspapers relative to this whole question of Kearney and I'm rising in this situation to support the Kearney contribution, as was in the motion, as we talked about the Kearney merge with the university, there is that speculation that, what kind of damage is going to be done to the balance of the state college system? I think the Governor decided to start that damage before...immediately after she signed the Kearney merging bill, if this be the case. We are seeing a reduction in that support that is going to those other institutions that are out there. This was a measure to try to get them up to some form of adequacy, putting them into a position where they could be competitive within their peer institutions. I strongly urge that we go back to and reinstate what the Appropriations Committee had worked on, that was presented and was a bona fide level of funding at the time. So with that, I hope that you would adopt this override...veto override opportunity.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I just had pushed my button to state the numbers, because I think Senator Morrissey has misspoke and Senator Conway has now clarified those and that was my only purpose.

PRESIDENT: Were you through, Senator Warner? Okay. Senator Morrissey, would you like to close?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, thank you. Mr. President and members, Thank you, Senator Conway, I was...that is the section that I was uncomfortable with that Senator Conway corrected me on and I thank you for that, Senator Conway. It would lower the amount, but I feel the question is, I am real concerned about the commitment to the state colleges, and I feel that the basics that we are talking about here, instructional aids and