

opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Warner's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. Next amendment.

CLERK: The next amendment I have is by Senator Moore. (See ..M2930 on page 1566 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Mr. Speaker, and members, this amendment, which I was surprised that we're getting to today but, nevertheless, we will venture ahead, this amendment, quite simply, what it does, believe it or not, even coming from me, it is one of those amendments that takes money out of the budget, takes 350,000 out of the university's budget for 1989-90, and it takes \$525,000 out of the university's budget for 1990-91. This money is the money dealing with instructional equipment out at the engineering college. And from the beginning of this conversation, I am not, for a second, debating whether or not we should have an engineering college. I am all for that. This is a question as to whether or not in a biennial budget this is a legitimate request, whether or not, given the flexibility of the university's budget, we have to fund this. It is just a variety...a list of frustrations I have as to whether or not we need this money in there. Now the university is going to tell you, well, the accreditation of the engineering college is threatened if you do not put this money in the budget, and I guess I find that...I am not saying that the money doesn't need to go there, but why on earth do we need to appropriate additional money. You know, it would be one thing back in the early eighties when we were arguably starving the university, we certainly haven't done that. We are talking about a half a million dollars, a half a million dollars in what is over a \$700 million total budget. For \$700 million, they are saying if we don't do this, the engineering college closes down, accreditation goes away, and I guess I just have a little trouble believing that. In my opinion, if that is true, why on earth didn't the university do something about it? The university has had, you know, a 26 percent increase over the last two years in funds that we have given them, General Funds. You know, the university that we are talking about, the appropriations, the General Fund appropriation is now