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SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Five hands I do see. Shall debate now cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Moore to close.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. President, and members, as I said in my opening, I apologize for almost the surprise nature of this. I honestly did not expect to get to 1031, certainly not to get to the last amendment on 1031 today. So I apologize for that but, nevertheless, I don't apologize for bringing this amendment to us. I think it is a very serious one, a very good one. I don't dispute anything Senator Weihing, Senator Lowell Johnson or Senator Landis said about the need for a strong engineering college. A vote for or against this amendment is not a vote for or against the engineering college. It is not what it is about. What it is about is whether or not every time the university cries "wolf" we are going to listen to them and ante up the money. Now, Senator Weihing, you criticized me for picking out a few figures. Now the figures are that the university's total budget is over \$700 million. The figures are the General Fund budget is about \$260 million. Can the university reallocate? Yes, they do it. They do do it. For instance, they did it this last year at UN-L. We appropriated X number of faculty. The university reallocated and hired eight more faculty than we appropriated or they requested. Can they do it? Yes, they can. They do it when they want to. They did it in that case when there was faculty needed. Yes, they did it. Is there things that they spend money that are a higher priority? Well, one of the things they spent money on was repaying the University Foundation for the purchase of the Whittier Junior High right east of campus. Now I have got to think that if the accreditation at the engineering college is threatened, I would think the university could go over to the foundation and say, hey, we need this money to go to this. I think the foundation might be sympathetic. That could be done. How much funds are we talking about? It is strictly...forget about the General