

Fund and reallocation. Let's talk just about the Cash Funds. As I mentioned, tuition Cash Fund over and above what was budgeted there, what they thought, for UN-O alone it was \$1.2 million, systemwide, it was \$3.5 million in cash funds that could have went to the engineering college. Utility savings, how much was actually spent, underbudgeted, \$2.1 million. You know you are talking, you know, \$5.5 million that were spent on things other than the engineering college, that were spent on things like hiring the faculty over and above what was requested, that were spent on things like the Whittier Building, repaying... a contract from the foundation, nevertheless, could have been renegotiated. I don't dispute the need of the engineering college but I do dispute as to whether or not this body, in mid-biennium, needs to bail out the university. The answer is no, no, no, a thousand times no. If this is as important as we all agree it is, it should have been funded a long time ago. We should have never seen the request. Why did we get the request? Because more often than not we bow to the pressure from them. When the students call us up saying, we have got to have \$300,000 or a half a million dollars at the engineering college or it goes away, we bow to that and we give them the money. I think it is important that we send a strong and clear message that in the middle of a biennium budget you don't request this, and, university, you have the funds, you have the flexibility. I mean, does an accreditation team, are they really going to come in and say, what is the line in the State of Nebraska's budget for the engineering college? Senator Landis, does an accreditation team actually do that? Do they say, you know, is there a line in the state budget for the engineering college? Do you think the accreditation team is actually going to ask for that?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: No, I understand that what they say is show us your plan...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...with permanent stable funding.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, a reallocation of General Funds would do exactly that, a reallocation of General Funds would satisfy that if the university chose to, but they didn't. They expect us to cough up the money. A vote yes or no is not a yes or no vote on