

But I would urge your rejection of Brad Ashford's amendment and I would turn any additional time I have over to Senator Lynch.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. It won't take me that long. A couple of other comments that I would like to make quickly. I would probably have a little trouble giving professors an increase if, in fact, they taught school. I've got an amendment coming up on another bill shortly that will provide that if a student is taught by a graduate student assistant, that means another student, they would pay tuition equivalent to 75 percent of the credit hour costs as compared to everybody who gets taught by a professor. Just business, you know, if I send a plumber out who is a journeyman, I charge for a journeyman plumber with those skills and when I send an apprentice out I do the same thing accordingly. It's no problem. Now we talk about these salary increases for the professors, if they're teaching school, I guess I would be more sympathetic. Just simply like to remind you all that this year the university will go in its General Fund from 244 million last year to 273 million this year. It's almost a \$30 million increase, not including the costs and salary increases. I don't think that's too bad a deal. And if they want to find three, five, 25 million dollars to pay some of these people that aren't teaching school more money, that's all right with me. I don't know, I can't...I still can't understand the justification for the research thing but maybe some day we can understand that as well. I can understand Brad and I simply disagreed with the propo...with the concept but I think we both agreed with what we wanted to accomplish. We just are getting there in different ways. I appreciate what Senator Wehrbein and others have said about the commitment made at the Appropriations Committee and I think we have made all the commitment we need. All that needs to be known is whether or not the Board of Regents will, in fact, honor what we budget for or not. If they don't, then that's the time to talk about maybe some serious changes in the system, maybe even something to the voters to give them a chance to decide whether or not the system, as we see it and as they maybe understand it and probably not understand it, should be changed. So, again, I would respectfully suggest we not support the amendment by Senator Ashford.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Robak.