

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ..ongoing operation costs very well. And when I see a capital construction proposal that increases as you go out in time, as opposed to decreasing as you go out in time, I know that's the kind of ingredient that has gotten this state in trouble financially more than once. You can argue that the dollar amount's not much, and that's true, not out of a billion and a half budget, but you also know how difficult it is to try and find one, or two, or three, or four, or five million, which we are faced with many times. While I have no argument at all with the projects themselves, I do not believe it is prudent management of the public's money to obligate this amount of funds this far out when not one dime is going to be spent the first half of the biennium. There's no reason whatsoever when we have a better idea of how the economy is going that the...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR WARNER: ..same bill could not be passed next year during that session and no project will have been delayed.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I have a lot of respect for all senators in the Chamber and I particularly have respect for Senator Warner, though he may not realize it. I think his institutional memory in what he brings to the body is one of the things that helps make this process work as well as it does. And as he forcefully, I think, and quite honestly in his opinion has his strong beliefs on the one side of the issue, it strikes an equally strong chord within me 180 degrees difference. I know the projects that are in here are not...they're not glamorous. What was left over are not huge wonderful things like the Beadle Center might be. It's not anything grand for the university really involved. They're smaller projects for some of the smaller people that have not ever been able to get some of the things they've been asking for, in some cases since 1960. Some of the requests have been made of the Board of Regents, again, since 1960, and every year what basically happened is that they would do a long-term plan and they'd say we're going to do the outreach, we're going to do outstate construction, we're going to do some of these things and you're number eight on the