

amendment doesn't even address that. All the amendment does is provide intent language that says we intend that the dollars that are appropriated go to the cafeteria to provide the continuation of what I think is a quality program. I'm not arguing anything about appropriations, about the dollars, because we know that's there and I'm appreciative of the fact that the Appropriations Committee did include this in the budget. I really didn't intend for us to get into this kind of an argument. It was a simple little amendment to try to keep alive a program that I think is very essential to the students and to the people who work there. I'd like to ask Senator Wehrbein a question too, if he will please.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Wehrbein, in your deliberations on this piece of legislation did you have any suggestion or hint from the people that you talked with as to whether the jobs would also be available for the personnel that run the program in the cafeteria?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No, we do not get into that, Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: You know, I think there's some concerns there too. These people are very dedicated. They spend a lot of time doing an excellent job with these...the young people that work there and I think that we need to take some consideration there with this legislation too. Like I say, all we're doing is trying to provide intent. You know we sit here a number of times throughout the year and bemoan the fact that we don't have the opportunity to tell certain parts of our bureaucracy where to spend their money. We can give the department the dollars but then when it comes to where they put them, we have nothing to say about it. This gives us an opportunity I think to at least provide intent language that will say this Legislature thinks this money should go to this particular project, and then if that department decides on their own that they're not going to do that, they have us to answer to. And I think this gives us some, a little bit of control over what's going on in the bureaucracy and I would sure urge your support of the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator