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scheme of university funding. And, as I understand the situation, I guess maybe I will look to Senator Moore to explain it, but currently Curtis is funded as part of the university lump sum and so it's included there. It has not got a specific line item but if there was a decision to reduce the funding or eliminate the funding or close the campus, well, simply those are issues off the table. Maybe some reduction in funding would be, but to decide to close the campus would not be possible currently under the current statutory...

SENATOR MOORE: It's my understanding, you know, basically the statute that we passed a number of years ago says that we shall appropriate money for Curtis. Within the university's lump sum appropriation is money for Curtis. If they would choose to close Curtis, they would have the authority to do that but they cannot spend the money on something else.

SENATOR WESELY: Well, if they...could they close Curtis, I mean, they couldn't spend it...

SENATOR MOORE: They could close Curtis but they couldn't spend...they could not spend the money someplace...the money is for Curtis.

SENATOR WESELY: Right.

SENATOR MOORE: If they choose not to spend the money, they can do that. We've appropriated the money for that purpose.

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, okay, okay. So...

SENATOR MOORE: The Board of Regents, if they chose to could conceivably...and this is an interpretation, I mean, my interpretation and you may want to ask Senator Warner because he was back there when you did it that way, but my interpretation is that in the university's lump sum appropriation includes the amount, on work papers and everything, an amount of \$1.5 million for Curtis. If the Board of Regents chose to do so, they could close Curtis but that \$1.5 million that we appropriate to Curtis they can't spend someplace else, they have to give it back to us. They couldn't spend the money someplace else is what I'm saying.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, so to try and come up with the four some million dollars in the budget cut, there would be no incentive