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serious consequences on some of the campuses.

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

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I too will take a deep breath and on the subject, Senator Wehrbein, in the spirit of the afternoon, remember, our good friend Senator Ashford, there still is time for you to change your mind on that amendment, but with that, I thought a little history might be in order on how we got to where we are today on this particular bill, and also some of the things that Senator Beutler did not say. And, again, sometimes when we discuss issues, we need to listen certainly to what our colleagues are saying, but we also need to look and analyze a little bit what has not been said. And I want to first talk about what has not been said. What has not been said is that we are not today being asked by Senator Beutler to delay for one year all of LB 760. The fact of the matter is of the first year, there is \$5 million that would be collected that would go to the University Beadle Center. The second year another 1.5 million that would go to the University Beadle Center, which Senator Beutler conveniently has not mentioned that we are not going to touch that. I'd like to also point out that Senator Beutler did not say that none of those funds have been distributed, they have not been spent yet. We could very easily put an amendment up there to say if we are going to delay for a year, let's delay the whole thing for a year, and that, according to fiscal staff and others, would cause some consternation but is doable. Senator Beutler talked about doubling the remaining interest payments. We have 2.6 million left. We are going to add 3 million over the next six years. It is more than doubling. What he did not bring your attention to is the total amount of interest we paid on these types of programs over the last year which is \$16 million. Senator Beutler did not mention that we go back in history and we again look at the university system. LB 410 bonds that we did in tough times was \$17.9 million, all for the university system, and we went to bonding because of some tough times, at least my understanding. There are a lot of things that have not been said, but one of the things that needs to be repeated is some of the history. These small...these projects, and many of them are small projects, Senator Beutler did not mention that they had been trying to get funded for 15 years. It was not mentioned the fact that these...it was said, and it was a cute joke, but I guess I am not as...I am