

that can happen and evidently is needed whether or not we have a college to house the programs and services we're talking about. The renovation of current structure is also being looked at. All these things have the support of us I think statewide, but when you cross the line and talk about the college that's where some of us have great concern. Again, I emphasize that in economic development I've opposed tax breaks as a solution to economic development. I see engineering programs, I see higher education efforts and research in other areas, as well as engineering, as the way we can succeed in economic development in the most effective fashion. That's one of the reasons Utah got Micron, the engineering program, the higher education of their population. This is where we can succeed as well if we move forward, so I think many of us have common ground on this if we move forward that that's the best approach we should take. But, again, I think Senator Chambers in some ways referred to this and Senator Warner did as well, you know, the letter that's gone out, the attempt to try and intimidate the university on this issue, the attempt to intimidate this Legislature is something I object to. I think it's an attempt to bully and I think it's something that we should respond to with a resounding defeat of any effort in this area, because it ought not to be the way we do public policy. And from the beginning on this issue there seems to have been this decision that that's the way we proceed, that we...we draw a line in the sand and people that don't cross that line over to our side are the enemy...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ..and we will do what we have to to try and accomplish this goal. Even when success has been achieved in recognizing the need for action, this effort to withhold money and to try and again to, in my book, intimidate and bully ought not to be something we respond to positively. It ought to be something we respond to negatively and suggest that that's the wrong way we approach issues. Again, the right way is to systematically address the concerns, what is it that the needs are, find a way to meet those needs and give time to this effort. Should we fail in that approach, I will be one that my words are now...will be transcribed and I'll be one that you can come back to and say, you said if it didn't work, you'd support it, and I will. But I think that the approach that President Smith has talked about, that the Appropriations Committee is proposing is the right approach and it will work and we will all be satisfied in the end by this solution to the problem. Thank