

briefly to oppose the amendment. I understand the concern here and Senator Kristensen phrased it very well, I think. It's difficult to define these. It's in a process in the university just as any larger organization especially that you have ongoing vacancy savings...vacancies and that money potentially does appear that you could take it back. The point is that this is ongoing. The university's position especially on this is that those positions have been open. They are routinely open. They routinely have to use those funds for additional pro...adjunct professors, temporary professors or whatever. And so even though it appears that that is a savings for a period of six or nine months they get caught in this window of appearing to have savings and in this case the money was proposed to be taken back by the Governor. But it is difficult to define. Campuses use it differently. I am convinced it would have a different impact on different campuses and, in the end, I think it would have an unfair...I mean it would have a detrimental effect to the university as a whole. That's the reason the Appropriations Committee decided to leave it in. It is a valid concern. It is a valid argument to look at this. And I just want to recognize it's difficult...difficult to define exactly the exact amount that it might be and the window that's there. We probably could debate that extensively as to whether there might be some lesser amount or perhaps more. I take the word at this point for the university saying that it's something they routinely have that they depend on. In many cases, those courses have to be taught so it isn't really an amount that can be taken back, as Senator Chambers was making the point. So I oppose the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all, I oppose the Vrtiska amendment but Senator Bromm's amendment has some promise and is interesting, and I say that at the expense of perhaps also being called "McScrooge". I think when we look at the part-time or the adjunct faculty, those people who are working at the university and filling in for what I consider many times the full-time faculty who aren't pulling their full load then I look at these adjunct faculty as people who are being taken advantage of. Many of these people are receiving \$1,500 for teaching one course. If you multiply that by what would be considered full-time, four courses for the semester, you come up with \$6,000. If you multiply that by the two semesters, you get \$12,000 that these people are receiving. They receive absolutely no health benefits. They receive no