

subdivisions to abide by. I think we have to show some restraint and concern for utilizing dollars. What this amounts to is about a two, two and a half percent reduction in both state colleges and the university. They will still, in terms of the state college, be getting a 4 percent increase each year, 4 percent over what they had spent in '95-96 budget year. For the university, it's a 3.5 percent increase each year. So there will still be increases in dollars to both of those entities. There are several other things that were earmarked, and in my proposal, I propose to eliminate several of those earmarks to allow the university more flexibility in dealing with the pool of dollars that it has, that it will get, the increased dollars that it will get. The amount of reduction in the state colleges is about 1.2 million. The university would be 19.2. The indications that I have heard is this is the amount that was or potentially would be vetoed by the Governor. There was concerns or there was comments that there was deals worked out before I don't know if that...you always have a communication problem. I don't know if that took any shape or form but, and I'm sure there was a breakdown in communications in terms of any agreements reached on here, I feel that when we put out a budget we have to look at what we're mandating others to live under. So I am proposing here one step in trying to reduce the amount of dollars we have in terms of our budget. There still will be increases given and I think the university has a large enough system that they can live under these type of increases. They may have to look at adjusting programs and finding other ways to do things a little more efficiently. They have started that. In talking to them they've started many programs to help become more efficient and utilizing the dollars that they get wisely. But we also must look at what mandates we give to other governmental subdivisions and we must live under those ourselves. This is again an increase. We are increasing both the university and the state colleges' budgets. I think it's a minor reduction so we can at least live under what we're imposing on other entities of government and we are asking them to do the same. I'm sure they're not going to agree to this and many of you have been pulled out and lobbied heavily to provide this, but you've got to think of your constituents. You've got to go back. The university does good work, but they must, as well as everybody, start looking at the dollars that they have and using those dollars more wisely. They're...in terms of their budget, they had increases in utilities of approximately 6 percent which is appropriate. Some of those costs are uncontrollable. They were taken out of there in terms of