

Legislature and the Appropriations Committee certainly two years ago and I'm confident still now that when we put intent language saying this is what the University of Nebraska to spend the monies on in this area, they'll do that. They follow that intent language. So when Senator Avery says that he has given more flexibility by striking the intent language, what he really should be saying is he's taking all control that the Legislature has on guiding spending and thrown it away and saying to the university, spend it wherever you want, we have no intent. Certainly that's not what we want to do but that's what this amendment does. I'll give you some examples of that. On the intent language I was looking at, on page 86 of AM1754 which again is the E & R amendment, and page 86, lines 1 through, well, that whole section, 1-22, Senator Avery would strike and it states the following, that General Funds for fiscal year '96-97, \$11.9 million to be administered by Central Administration for the purpose, this is the intent language that would be stricken, for the purpose of targeted research activities at the University of Nebraska. It is intended that none of these funds be used for new capital construction or renovation except that a small portion may be used for short-term cash flow. That intent language is gone. So then you can go ahead and they will be able to move the monies wherever they want. And we've said, no, we don't want you to put it in capital construction. These are areas, on EPSCoR, we want you to put the monies in. We wanted to do it on the research initiative. Give you another example, on page 87, again a section that Senator Avery would cut. We're talking about on, if you look on that section, we're talking about again the EPSCoR program...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...and this is a combination between the University of Nebraska and Creighton, a public and private venture together. Inherent in the process the Appropriations Committee has is the concept that the best proposals be selected regardless of the campus of origin and that the selections be based on competitive basis. Emphasis shall be placed on technology transfer and the research needs of business and industry, Senator Avery would strike all of that intent language. Finally we have cooperation between our campuses, between public and private and business and industry and we strike it for reasons that I cannot fathom. So I very much urge the body that A, we don't have to cut simply for cutting's sake