

I had at the university, they said, well, we were told earlier that we'll stick with the Governor's budget, that looks good, it was less than this. Now all of a sudden the Legislature, through its process, gave them a little bit greater increase so we better change ships real quick and get on the wagon or the ship that's going the fastest. But there still is an increase. In terms of state colleges for '95-96, there's a \$1 million increase in '95-96. They are getting a 4 percent increase. For '96-97 another \$1.4 million increase with an accumulative of a \$2 million increase in terms of their budget. So there is an increase here. They will have more dollars to do more things with. In terms of the university, they are getting in '95-96 \$10.7 million roughly. That's the amount of increase that they will be getting in '95-96. In '96-97, it's an \$11 million increase for a cumulative of the biennium of a \$21.7 million increase. So there is an increase. There may be a situation where the university and it was said may have to increase the tuition slightly. In terms of the peer groups, the university is at the below, at the lower level or in the middle of our tuition that we charge. In fact, I think it was said back when I was on Appropriation that many people out of state come here because our out-of-state tuition is cheaper than their out-of-state, their in-state tuition. So where are we? A slight increase in tuition is something that I think can be lived with and maybe should be made. It may be the economical thing to do in terms of what we charge either out-of-state or in-state. But there is an increase being given. I was just trying to reduce that a little bit in terms of what we're going to mandate others to live within. In terms of earmarks, there's different philosophies of management. I'd like to ask Senator Wehrbein a question and get a couple things on record if you're...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR AVERY: Does...by law, does the university has to follow our earmarks?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, if we have them earmarked in there for a certain program, certainly they would.

SENATOR AVERY: Are you sure they have to by law?