

SENATOR HANNIBAL: The second part was, do they have a leg up? I presume that you could say they have a leg up. The UN-L program as a very highly visible and revenue generating program, I would say that you could look at them as having a leg up.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So would it be unfair then to not cut these programs where they are struggling and really don't have money coming in through athletic endeavors that can help make it up?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: It was the determination of the committee that in an effort to be consistent with the programs, that one system ought not to be dealt with unfairly when it came to these appropriation matters.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But we are dealing more with consistency than fairness, aren't we? If one has money and the other one doesn't and you take from both of them as though they both had money.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time is up. Senator Warner, then Senator Vickers. Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, it has been said by others, but I would repeat, in some cases you look for rationale for the reduction of a budget and in the case of both the University and the state colleges, and we have a specific amendment that says it, but it is also a fact anyway, that the governing boards have administrative flexibility to distribute funds within each of the colleges as they see fit. There is not language in the bill that says, which would be a prohibition, that no funds shall be used for intercollegiate athletics. So it is true that they could choose something else. But I think it would be our position we would not take funds from, for example, physical education, as a proper...well, they would all be proper, but that is proper and can be an academic program as well as one that keeps bodies healthy. What we did was took the direct money, the general fund money, we took out of it the tuition remission scholarships that are provided. The net effect of the committee amendment is about two-thirds of the general fund money, if you include Devaney, and that is primarily a sports facility, two-thirds of the general fund money from UN-L was stricken. It will